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Hospitals get relief from funding cuts

by MARTHA PERKINS
Editor

As the Haliburton Highlands Health Services board assumes the responsibility of taking over the two local hospitals, the province has given it a bit of fiscal breathing space.

The guarantee of last year's funding levels is better than most other hospitals are getting, but it still likely won't be enough money to offer 24-hour service at both sites.

"The news could have been worse," said executive director Foster Loucks at the board's inaugural meeting on Friday at St. Anthony's church in Haliburton. "However, this will still put a lot of pressure on us."

The board's official desire is to offer 24-hour service at both sites. Because there are no doctors who can work on call for the Minden emergency department, the board has been hiring outside doctors. It "tops up" the difference between what the doctors bill OHIP and a guaranteed hourly rate.

To afford this, the hospital's acute care beds were shut down and a compromise was sought about the hospital's hours. For the three summer months, starting this week, the hospital is open 24-hours a day. In the winter months, it's open 12 hours a

day. To many people in Minden, this is not satisfactory.

However, a recent role study says the number of patients (at either hospital, but particularly in Minden) does not warrant 24-hour care except in the summer. And the Ministry of Health has told Loucks that it wants the board's decisions to be consistent with the role study.

The Ministry is willing to forgo the 2.5% cut given to other small hospitals as the board begins to bring efficiencies into place. (Large hospitals got cut 6.5%). It is also allowing an additional \$150,000 for the transitional period between the board owning and operating the hospitals instead of St. Joseph's Health Centre in Peterborough.

Other opportunities include taken over the ambulance service, which may be privatized, and hiring the paramedics, who may work at the hospital when they're not on call. The Ministry wants the board to work closely with other existing agencies, as well, to make sure efficiencies of scale are in place.

While coping with these financial restraints will be challenging, at least decisions will be made by a locally-based board, says the board's David Coulson, who works at a Toronto hospital. "These will be our decisions as we face these difficult issues."



IMAGINE IF THIS TREE HAD BEEN CUT... Under the watchful eye of HHSS student Ryan Ellis, Gooderham students Elisa Noseworthy, Chris Sayers and David Brindle learn the value of retaining old trees at a recent ELM excursion into the forest behind the high school. For story, see page 22.

Fireworks fizzle in Haliburton

Tough financial times have snuffed out the fireworks show traditionally held on the Victoria Day long weekend over Head Lake.

The municipality of Dysart says it can no longer afford to watch its money go up in smoke. "It costs \$4,000 for an hour and a half, and then it's all gone," says Reeve Murray Fearrey. "You can't justify that kind of expense in these times."

Dysart's 1996 provincial grants were cut by \$270,000.

Councillors decided when they assembled the no-frills

budget that they didn't have money to burn. "You can't go and not fill a hole in the road and then go throw away \$4,000 on fireworks."

At last year's show, volunteers collected donations from fireworks watchers. But the amount of money people volunteered was "a fifth or a sixth" of the cost of the show.

Haliburton's BIA contacted individuals and groups in an attempt to raise money for the fireworks, but were unsuccessful.



SHARING THE PAIN:

by PETER DOWNS
Staff Reporter

Staff at Haliburton's school board office say taking a voluntary salary rollback of 2.2 per cent was well-worth the price of preserving their jobs.

After agreeing to the move in principle the previous week, the three administrators and five non-unionized secretaries formally accepted a one-year pay

cut last week to help the board pare down its budget.

"We all have our jobs still. That was the main thing," said Julie Hartin, secretary to the superintendent.

"We did what we had to do because it had to be done," said Joan Chapple, executive secretary.

The salary rollback will take effect September, 1996 and will

Board of education staff agree to pay cuts

end August 31, 1997.

Employees will give up between \$500 and \$2,300 each, depending on their wages.

"Nobody likes to take a reduction in salary ... but I feel very fortunate myself to have a job in today's society," said board director Brad Saunders.

The board's elementary school teachers previously agreed to a

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County exceeds goal

Haliburton County is to be congratulated for exceeding the Heart and Stroke Foundation's fundraising target for the recent door-to-door campaign. As well

killer, the Foundation would like to extend its thanks to Estella Burch and Al Gostock, who were co-chairpeople, campaign

and treasurer Lloyd Johnson. For information on how you could volunteer, please call Mrs. Burch at 286-6362.

HERE, THERE & EVERYWHERE

News about people and events in Haliburton County

as expressing its appreciation to the people who donated money to help fight Canada's number one

captains Eunice Heyes, Lloyd and Mildred Griffiths, Caroline Roberto, Noreen Howe

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SOMETHING TO DANCE ABOUT:

Parents who volunteered to help at JDHES' school dances have donated the \$500 they raised back to the school. Here, Pam Roberts presents the cheque to student president Nicole Cooper, who says the money will be used to improve the school grounds, purchase plaques and enhance supplies.

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There's a Red Cross

Blood Donors Clinic at the Lindsay Armory on Thurs. May 23 from noon until 7:30 p.m. You can give "the gift of life" by attending. Please bring signed identification.

The Lindsay Concert Foundation's 4th Annual Gala Concert and Auction is May 22 at 7:30 p.m. at the Frost Theatre, Sir Sandford Fleming

College.

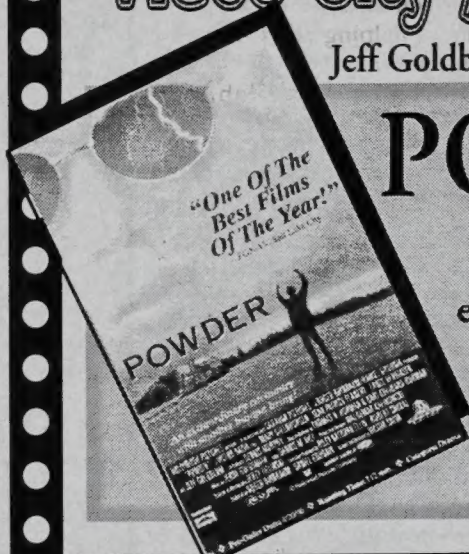
Artists include Arlene Gray's Girls' Choir, vocalist Ev Brooks, The Kawartha Brass, Peterborough Saxophone Quartet and violinist Sarah McElvray, and the auction items are as varied. Tickets are \$5 for adults, \$2 for high school students and free for elementary school students. For more information call 705-

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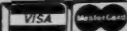
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A walk a day keeps the doctor away

by MARTHA PERKINS
Editor

It's not that Dr. Bob Heyes doesn't want to see his patients. He just knows that everyone would be happier if he had cause to see them less often.

That's why he encourages everyone to put a little exercise into their life. If you don't, he says bluntly, "you die younger."

That should be a good reason

for most people, but if you're not in the habit of exercising, it can be difficult to start, no matter how powerful your motivation.

This Friday is Sneaker Day, a time to promote one of the healthiest and easiest forms of exercise — walking. Dr. Heyes and his fellow staff members at the Haliburton Family Medical Centre are closing down the office at lunch and going for a

walk along Head Lake. In Minden, groups of walkers are leaving the Gull River bandstand every 15 minutes between 11 a.m. and 1 p.m.. Perhaps this will encourage more people to get involved.

"Exercise has to be enjoyable so people will do it every day," says Dr. Heyes, who practises what he preaches by jogging in the summer and cross country skiing in the winter. For those who say they're too busy to exercise, he says people have to schedule it into their day because "if they wait until they have the time, they never do."

Rather than being scared off by more strenuous forms of exercise, such as jogging, people can start by going for a walk every day. The pace should be moderate, but brisk enough to get the heart pumping a little faster.

Exercise is also a positive contributor to mental health and Dr. Heyes says he gets irritable if he misses his daily routine.

Some people like listening to Walkmans or talking tapes, others try to change their route to add a little variety. Dr. Heyes says just watching the natural beauty of the Highlands is diversion enough for him.

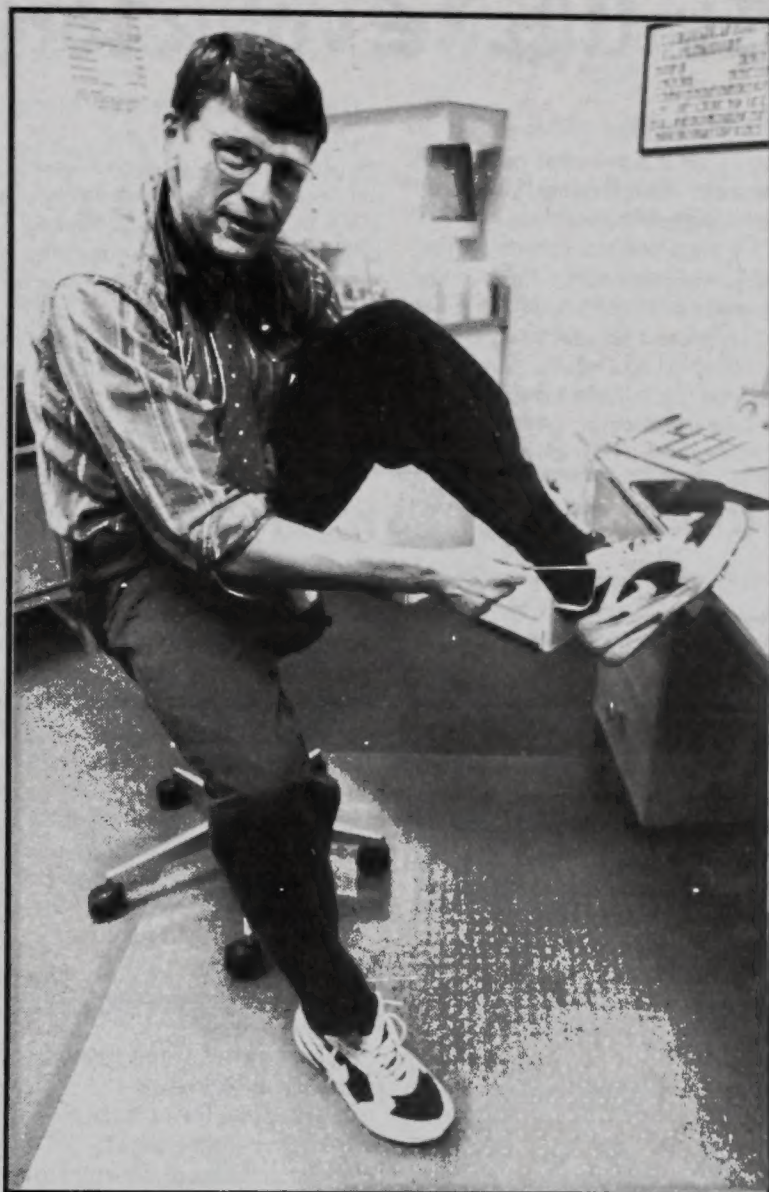
Try to give yourself an opportunity to walk throughout the day. Walk to the post office instead of dropping by in your car on the way to the office. Dr. Norm Bottum says in the summer, he parks at Head Lake and then walks the rest of the way to work instead of parking across the street. Perhaps more kids could walk or bike to school if there was a crossing guard at the highway in front of the high school.

"Where can't you walk in Haliburton?" Dr. Heyes asks.

The optimal routine would include 30 to 40 minutes of exercise, five days a week. And once you get started, Dr. Heyes says it's difficult to stop.

But what does he do during blackfly season?

"I run faster than the blackflies," he smiles.



SNEAKER DAY: Friday is Sneaker Day and Dr. Robert Heyes and fellow staff at the Haliburton Family Medical Centre will close the office at lunch and go for a walk. Meanwhile, there are public walks in Minden from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Friday.

Soup kitchen aims to help those in need

by JODY LINDEBCK
Staff Reporter

A desire to help others was the motivation behind a decision by the Haliburton Christian Outreach to open a soup kitchen.

The idea for the King's Diner project was born after its initiator, Darleen McConnell, read a book called *In His Steps*.

"After that, I couldn't get the idea out of my mind," she says.

At the same time another volunteer, Walter Verhoeven, had a dream about starting such a project.

Adding to their conviction that they should help others was a passage from the book of Matthew in the Bible, and an address they heard from a Welsh evangelist.

King's Diner is staffed by a team of volunteers, pastors Adrian and Marie Whitfield, Lori Rolfe, Bertha Howden, Eileen Tunnell, Cleve and Liane Roberts, Christine Reynolds, Mr. Verhoeven and his wife Louise and McConnell, with several children also pitching in.

The King's Diner is downstairs near Henwood's Variety in Haliburton. The atmosphere is bright and friendly. It is warm and there is a television set.

And, everyone is welcome, says McConnell. The volunteers at the centre are anxious to stress there is no need for anyone to feel uncomfortable.

Darleen said the new facility is about helping meet the needs of the community.

Coupons are available for people who would like to use them, but are not necessary.

Many people are out of work, at the current time and need some assistance, Darleen said.

Anyone who visits the King's Diner will find a good meal, but more than that, they will see friendly faces and people who are only too willing to listen, and to help wherever they can.

Open every Friday between 6:00 p.m. and 7:00 p.m., the King's Diner serves two varieties of soup, two varieties of sandwiches and fresh fruit for dessert, as well as tea and coffee.



Bertha Howden serves soup

Cop killer transferred after rumoured beatings

by PETER DOWNS
Staff Reporter

The man who was convicted of murdering Minden OPP Constable Eric Nystedt has been transferred from one prison to another after fellow inmates reportedly beat him up on a number of occasions.

In February, 1995, Lenard Phillips was found guilty of second-degree murder in Const. Nystedt's stabbing death and sentenced to prison with no chance of parole for at least 25 years.

He was serving his time at Joyceville Prison, a maximum

security institution outside Kingston.

But authorities recently transferred Phillips to another jail after he suffered repeated beatings at the hands of his fellow prisoners.

"Apparently on four different occasions he received some pretty rough stuff before he was moved," said Minden OPP Constable Ron Buchanan.

"That's the rumor," said Constable Brian Sachs. "That's what we've heard."

Phillips has reportedly been transferred to Warkworth, a medium security prison outside of Campbellford.

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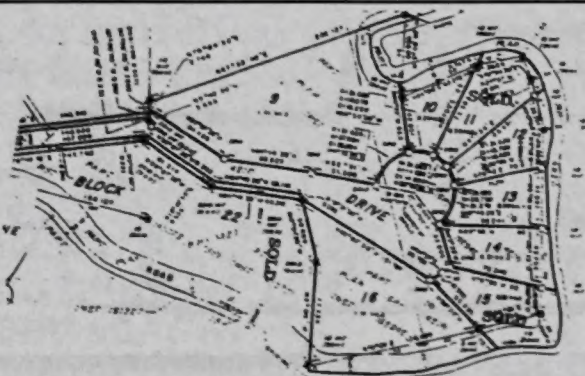
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Staff take voluntary rollback

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one-year 2.2 per cent pay cut to prevent the elimination of 6.5 teaching positions.

In addition to job security, they also negotiated three other important clauses in their contract, protecting class sizes, preserving preparation time and improving supply coverage for absent teachers.

Union groups representing high school teachers and CUPE employees, including custodians, secretaries and educational assistants, rejected 2.2 per cent salary rollbacks late last month.

Both unions said they want more time to negotiate.

On Tuesday negotiations began between the board and union representatives for the high school teachers.

The board's chief negotiator, Lutterworth trustee Cheryl Murdoch, said board office staff were quick to volunteer for pay cuts. "I'm certainly very proud of the people in this office because they've shown a real commitment to save staff."

Saunders said administrators agreed to salary rollbacks because they wanted to send a message that they are serious about avoiding layoffs.

"We felt it was absolutely essential that if we are to convince the board and the taxpayers that we were going to save staff, then we would have to be quite willing to put our money literally where our mouths are."

Saunders said he is not aware of any other Ontario school boards where teachers and other staff are taking pay cuts to prevent layoffs.

About 60 per cent of the board's more than 200 employees have so far agreed to rollbacks.

Supply teachers on short-term assignments and custodians hired on a casual basis had their wages reduced by 10 per cent in earlier cost-cutting measures approved by the board.

Trustees also cut their own monthly pay by 10 per cent, or \$50, to \$450.

"Everyone is sharing the burden," said Murdoch. "Basically, everybody's got to buy into the program to make it run and so far basically everybody's been willing to do that."

Administrators switch schools

Next September will see a major shake-up of administrative staff at schools in the Highlands.

Offices at only three of the board's eight schools — Victoria Street School, Archie Stouffer Elementary School and Gooderham Public School — will keep the same staff.

For the 1996-97 school year:

- Penny Obee, vice-principal of J. Douglas Hodgson Elementary School, will take on the same position at Haliburton Highlands Secondary School;

- HHSS vice-principal Mike Burk will transfer to Dorset Public School, where he will become principal;

- Dorset principal Debbie Wales will take over as vice-principal at JDHES;

- Rosie Kenney, principal of Cardiff Public School, and Ted Glendinning, principal of Wilberforce Public School, will

switch positions.

As well, several teachers will be moving to different schools next year:

- Jim Hopkins transfers from Gooderham to Victoria Street;

- Rob Meyers moves from Cardiff to Gooderham;

- Darlene Hill goes from Victoria Street to ASES;

- Brenda Eastmure leaves ASES for JDH;

- George Burley transfers from ASES to Chimo;

- Dan LaPierre moves from HHSS to ASES;

- Elizabeth Turner transfers from JDH to ASES;

- Margje Fultz goes to Wilberforce from Cardiff.

Five teachers are set to retire at the end of the current school year, including Marg Valentine and Maraylene Welch from ASES, Charles Hughes and John Miller from JDHES and Louise Cooper from HHSS.



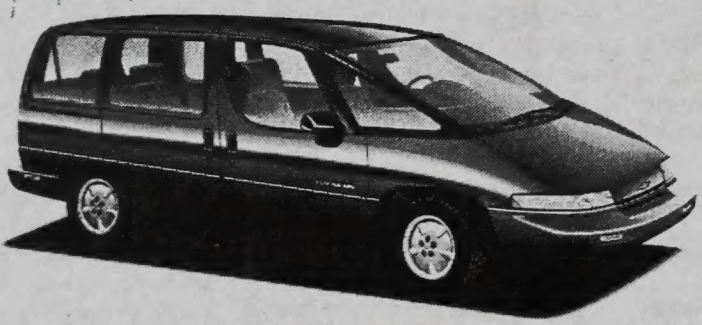
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Business owners applaud budget

by PETER DOWNS
Staff Reporter

Small business owners in the Highlands are hoping to see increased profits once tax cuts delivered last week in the province's budget kick into gear.

They applauded Finance Minister Ernie Eves' moves to reduce income taxes and gradually eliminate the employer health tax for businesses with payrolls up to \$400,000.

"It's a step in the right direction," said Gary Burtch, president of Burtch Construction and the Haliburton County Homebuilders' Association.

"I'm glad to see the employer health tax go. By taking that off, there might be the odd job created."

In his budget announcement Tuesday, Eves said the province will phase out employer health tax over a three-year period, beginning Jan. 1, 1997.

During 1997, employers will be exempt from paying the tax on the first \$200,000 of their payroll. In 1988, the first \$300,000 will be exempted. And for 1999 and subsequent years, \$400,000 of payroll will be exempted.

The province will bring in a new levy, called fair share health care, which bumps up its surtax on high income earners to pay for health care.

Despite the gradual elimination of the tax, Burtch said the move will have an immediate impact on businesses in the Highlands.

"Two hundred thousand dollars ought to cover most busi-

nesses here," he said.

"To the small businessman, getting rid of the

employer health tax is certainly a very positive step because it gives you more money to re-invest," said Andy Glecoff, owner of Haliburton Stedmans.

"It's another tax I wish we never had, so eliminating it is a good move," said Kim Emmerson, owner of Emmerson Lumber. "Anything helps."

But Emmerson was less convinced the Tory income tax cuts will translate into increased consumer spending.

Eves announced he will cut the provincial income tax rate by seven per cent, beginning July 1. By January, 1997, the tax rate will be lowered by 15 per cent. And by 1999, when the tax cut is fully implemented, provincial income tax will have been dropped by 30.2 per cent compared to today's rate.

"I don't think it'll hurt," said Emmerson. "... But I think people will use their tax to pay their own bills rather than putting it into the economy."

"I'm glad to see the employer health tax go. By taking that off, there might be the odd job created"

Contractor Gary Burtch

"The jury's out on what the consumer is going to do with that money," said Glecoff. "Some people feel they're going to put that money away and use it to pay down their own debts ... but we think they're going to

spend it."

Burtch said consumers may begin to feel more confident about spending

their money after seeing the province delivering on its promises to cut taxes and pay down the deficit.

Eves' decision to give first-time home buyers a tax rebate ought to have a positive impact

on the housing industry, said Burtch.

From now until next March, first-time home buyers purchasing newly built homes will receive a refund of up to \$1,725 on land transfer tax, the finance minister announced.

Many business owners hoping to find out more details of the Tory's budget were planning to attend a breakfast meeting with Haliburton-Victoria MPP Chris Hodgson yesterday morning at Hart Lodge.

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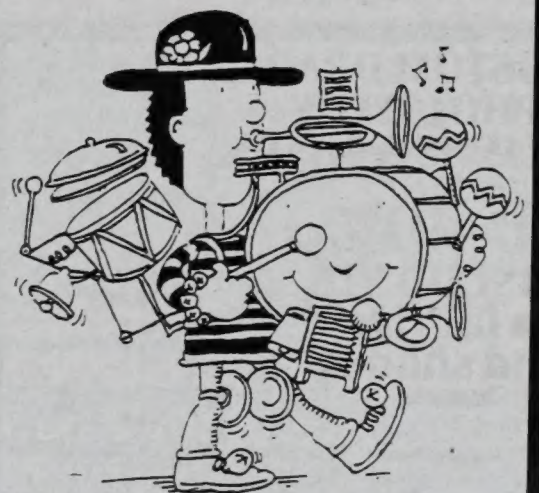
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This is all in a day's work for Grade 7 Job Shadowers.

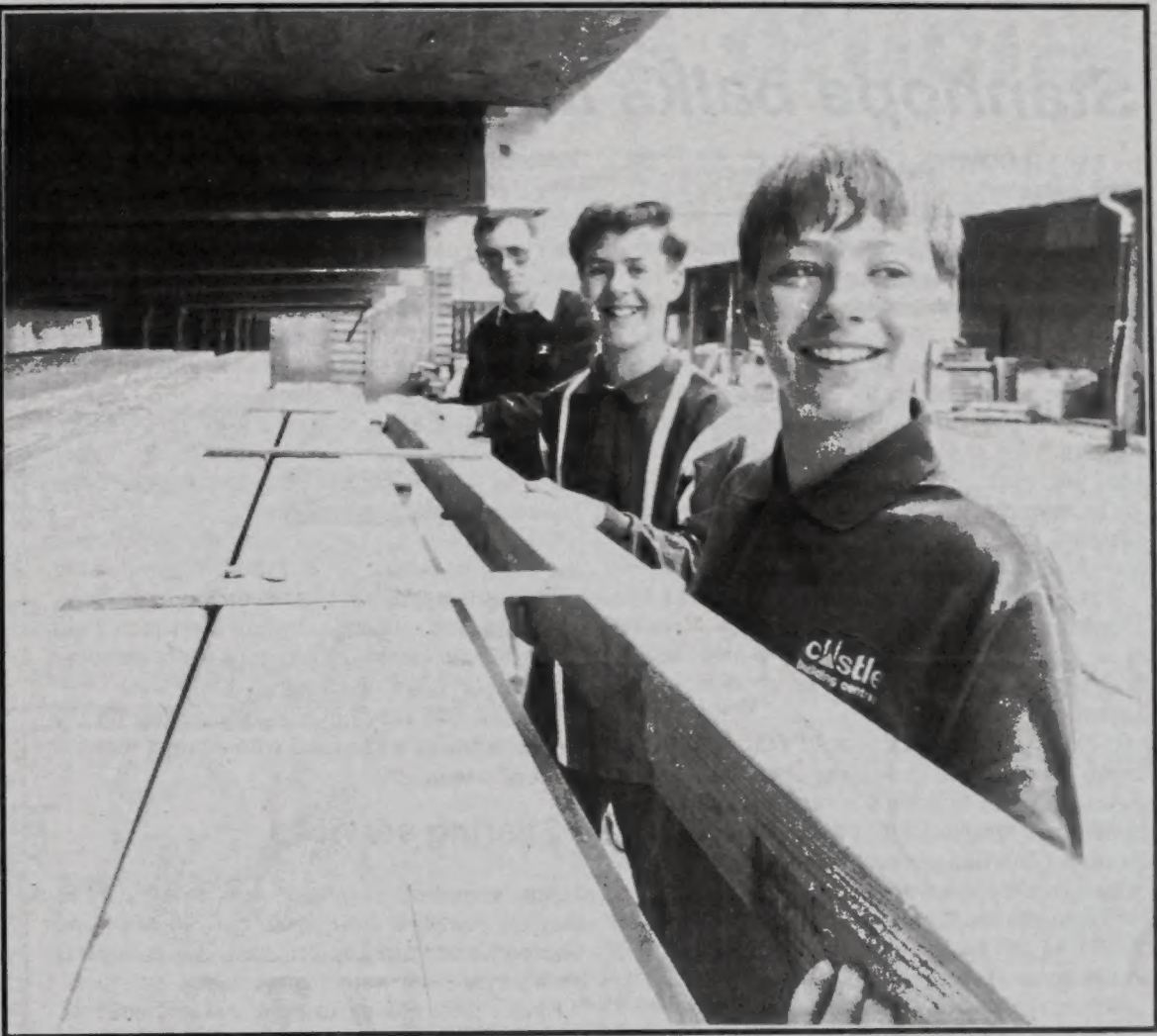
Job Shadowing is a program that gives the Grade 7 students at JDHES a chance to pursue their goal. I myself really loved working at the Haliburton County Echo last Friday.

"I really enjoyed working with my dad and my friend," says

Ryan Emmerson, who spent the day, along with Ryan Kirkpatrick, at Emmerson Lumber. As Ryan Kirkpatrick says, "the only thing bad about Emmerson Lumber is some of the other jobs around here are boring, but I still enjoyed working here."

Alicia Sales and Michelle Russell were at Perfect Prints job shadowing Melissa Lewis. "It's neat that I got to job shadow Melissa and I think that it's cool that we get to see everyone else's pictures before they do," comments Alicia. "But I'm afraid that I will ruin the negatives," says Michelle nervously as she sends the negatives through the machine.

Next I travel to Curry Motors where Laine Roberts is job shadowing Mike Iles in the garage. When we get there Laine is writing a work order for a deep red Buick. According to



KNOW YOUR LUMBER: The two Ryans – an Emmerson and a Kirkpatrick – learn about the different types of lumber for sale at Kim Emmerson's store.



FIXING THE PROBLEMS: While mechanic Mark Barry works on a wheel, Laine Roberts fills out a work order at Curry Motors.

Laine, the advantages of the job are "learning how to use the computer, checking out cars, and writing work orders up. But I really hate the noise and I don't like working with the grease and grit."

Here at the Haliburton County Echo, I

enjoyed watching how the newspaper is put together. It's neat how they can get all the information in six days, send it to Bracebridge overnight to be printed, and getting it distributed the next morning.

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MUNICIPAL COUNCIL BRIEFS

Stanhope balks at arena request

by PETER DOWNS
Staff Reporter

The municipality of Anson, Hindon and Minden told its northern neighbours it may begin charging non-residents who use Minden's arena.

Had the policy been in place this past season, Stanhope would be on the hook for more than \$3,000 to pay for figure skaters and hockey players from the municipality who regularly used the arena.

The municipality goes on to ask for financial support from Stanhope to go towards the arena's operating costs.

But Stanhope councillors balked at the request, maintaining residents from Minden rack up as many expenses while using Stanhope's community centre, tennis courts, airport and swim program.

"I think our invoice would read about the same," said councillor Murray Daniels.

According to Minden's letter, 16 youths from Stanhope were members of the Minden Figure Skating Club and seven played in the Minden Minor Hockey system.

The municipality says it gave subsidies of \$9,900 to the hockey organization and \$14,200 to the figure skating club.

"Although it is not the recreation committee's recommendation to implement individual user fees for non-residents at this time, it was noted that it may be necessary to do so in the future," the AHM letter states.

Van expensive

Buying a new first response emergency van will cost a fair amount more than the fire department had anticipated, said Fire Chief Bob

Pollard.

Pollard, who has sought quotes from four companies, told councillors a suitable van will cost anywhere from about \$80,000 to about \$110,000, plus taxes.

The fire department may be able to get a cheaper deal by buying a used cab and chassis, and contracting a company to custom build the box on the back, said Pollard.

It's very difficult to find a good, used emergency van as most fire departments hold onto them as long as possible because of their high replacement cost, he said.

Over the past three years, the fire department has banked about \$24,000 through fundraising activities that will go towards the new van.

In addition, the department has been paid about \$31,000 from the province for responding to accidents on provincial highways.

Council had previously agreed to top up the fire department's van fund with a target date for its purchase in 1996.

Sharing services

Amalgamation of the county's municipalities may still only be a proposal, but Stanhope and Sherborne are already breaking down borders with a new co-operative agreement.

Rather than having to purchase its own road grader, Sherborne has been given the go ahead to rent Stanhope's when it is not in use.

"If nothing else comes out of restructuring, at least we will begin learning how to get by with less by sharing equipment and services where possible," said deputy-reeve Eleanor Harrison, who chaired the meeting in the absence of reeve Jock Mavor. "... I think this may be just the beginning of the way municipalities are going to start doing business."

Entrepreneur says Minden's tipping fees would put him out of business

by PETER DOWNS
Staff Reporter

A Minden man says the municipality's new policy to charge tipping fees at area dumps has shot down his plans for a waste haulage business before it even got off the ground.

Len Nesbitt told Minden councillors he had lined up close to 100 prospective clients, who wanted him to take their garbage and recyclables to the dump.

But tipping fees recently introduced by the municipality mean he would have to raise his haulage fee higher than customers would be willing to pay, said Nesbitt.

"You've totally shut me out. I can't triple my fees to cover the cost," he said Tuesday. "... I guess I'm going to have to call up my 85 or 100 customers and tell them they'll have to haul their own garbage to the dump because there's no way I can do it."

Under the municipality's new waste disposal by-law, residents are charged \$1 per bag of household garbage after five bags.

In addition, there are fees of \$10 per cubic yard of waste, \$10 per pick-up truck load and \$10 per utility trailer load.

Nesbitt estimated his truck could carry eight cubic yards of waste, which would cost \$80 to

dump.

He said the weekly waste of 10 customers would fill his truck to maximum capacity.

Based on those figures, he would have to charge each customer more than \$8 per week to make any profit.

"The fee would be prohibitive to me setting up the business. Customers aren't going to pay the fee I would have to charge."

But deputy-reeve Gerald Rome said Nesbitt was overestimating the amount of garbage his customers would produce each week.

By separating their recyclables, Rome said he and his wife don't even fill one bag full of garbage in a week. "I think you're way out of line on actual usage," he said.

Nesbitt said he arrived at his estimates using information from a relative who runs a waste disposal business outside the county.

Reeve Jeanne Anthon told Nesbitt the municipality adopted tipping fees in its new waste disposal by-law in an attempt to prolong the life of area landfills by encouraging people to improve their recycling habits.

She said council is not prepared to make any special exceptions to the new policies.

"We're not going to change the by-law. We want to test it and see how it's doing," she said.



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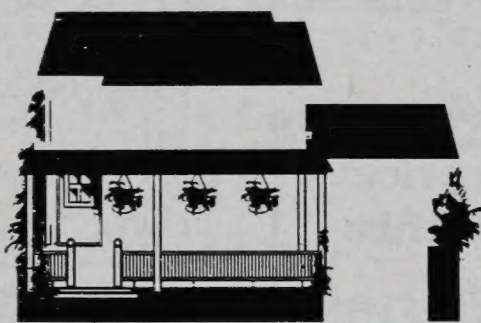
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Health services board is official

by MARTHA PERKINS
Editor

The following are brief reports of items discussed at Friday afternoon's inaugural meeting of the Haliburton Highlands Health Services board.

It's official. Formerly known as the Acting Health Services Board, the HHHS is now incorporated – and therefore no longer "acting."

Much of the meeting dealt with many of the fine print in the transition period, particularly the adoption of by-laws concerning board structure.

Although the present board members were appointed by the District Health Unit, in future years, they will be elected at annual general meetings held in June. Any seasonal or permanent resident who buys a membership at least 90 days before the meeting will be able to vote. The first AGM will be in June of '97.

The board will consist of 12 elected directors, three appointed directors (two by Haliburton county council, one by the five townships in northern Peterborough and Victoria counties) and three ex-officio, non-voting members (the CEO of the

corporation, the president of the medical staff and the board-appointed chief of staff.)

Meanwhile, Paul Heffer will continue on as chairman and the two vice-chairs are Hugh Nichol and David Coulson.

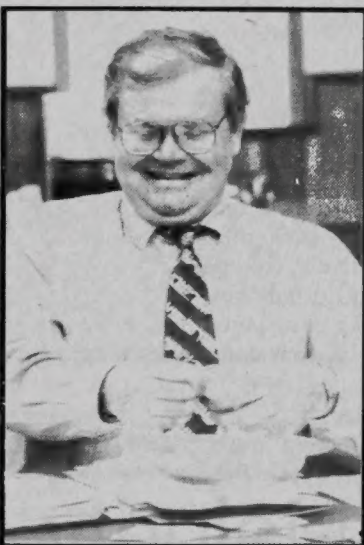
A heavy load

Executive director Foster Loucks certainly has his work cut out for him.

Lynne Johnston, the unit director at the Haliburton Hospital, is returning to the bargaining unit, and will therefore no longer be actively involved with day-to-day hospital administration. Since it would be expensive to hire a replacement, Loucks has decided to take on her responsibilities – for the time being.

"She has been the only other member of management who can make a decision on site," Loucks said, and because she's done such a good job, he's had more time to devote to the challenges at Minden hospital and to the board's incorporation. By having to spend more of his time on operational issues, he'll have less time for the "big" picture and board work.

"I'm always amazed how you get the work done that you do," Heffer told Loucks. "We sincerely appreciate the time and



CROSSING THE T'S:

Most of last Friday's inaugural meeting of the Haliburton Highlands Health Services board was spent on all the paperwork required upon becoming incorporated. Above, (from left) chairman Paul Heffer and co-chairmen David Coulson and Hugh Nichol sign documents while executive director Foster Loucks looks on. At left, Loucks draws the length of each board member's term out of a bowl.

effort you put into this job."

As time progresses, Loucks said, they can develop a system of charge nurses, and there may be the need to hire a project manager to oversee the three construction projects, which are scheduled to begin next spring.

Ownership transfer

Now that the board is incorporated, there can be a formal transfer of ownership of the two local hospitals. In 1984, the Sisters of St. Josephs took over responsibility from the Red Cross. The cost was \$1. For the same price, the Peterborough nuns will sell the hospitals to the board.

The presentation is scheduled for May 31.

Resignations

Since stepping down as board chairman last year, Stuart Baker has been busy with a more important task – fighting cancer. It was with regret the board received his formal resignation and Heffer expressed the board's best wishes to his hard-working predecessor.

Barbara Wright has also notified the board of her pending resignation. Her replacement will be appointed by the board.

Couple regrets lack of hospital stability

The importance of medical facilities has been emphasized yet again, after a couple decided not to move to the Minden area because of uncertainty over hospital facilities.

In a letter to Lynne Hodgins

of Bowes and Cocks Limited, the couple wrote that Minden is "not for us, as far as a permanent home is concerned".

The homes she showed them fitted their needs and wants, but they they were really concerned

about living in a semi-isolated area when the future of the hospital is so uncertain.

"Alas, we are growing older, perhaps not wiser, just older," they wrote, adding they still feel the idea of combining a cot-

tage and a permanent home is valid.

"What we must do now is come to grips with the compromises that must be made," they wrote.

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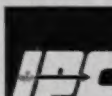
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Editorial

An admirable woman

ONE DAY IN JULY, on a stretch of asphalt in Atlanta, Lesley Tashlin is going to take her mark, get set, and in the time it takes you to read this sentence, she's going to put the past five years of her life to the test.

That's what the Olympics is all about. For most of us who will sit in comfort in our living room, watching Lesley push her body to its maximum of strength and grace on the television screen, there's part of us which will wonder why. Why train day after day, year after year, for something that will be over in 13 seconds? Why give up so much of a "normal" life just so you can sweat and exhaust yourself? Why live in poverty because the time most people spend working is spent on a track somewhere, training?

Lesley knows the answers to these questions and it would be fascinating if the television cameras could also record her thoughts as she puts her feet in the starting block and stares at the finish line 100 metres away. Only Lesley knows why she's the one in a million person who is willing to make the sacrifice and commitment necessary to get to that point.

Many people may dream of competing in the Olympics, but only a small minority of them have the natural ability, and even fewer have the drive and self-sacrifice it takes to reach the traditional pinnacle of athletic success. It's incredible to think that someone who grew up in Haliburton is one of those people. It's also time for most people to acknowledge that it hasn't been easy.

When Lesley was a young girl, she had the potential to be a competitive gymnast and she left the county for a while to train. But she missed her family, especially her twin sister Lindsey, and she didn't like the stress. It's not that the stress got to her — she just didn't like it, and Lesley doesn't do things she doesn't like. So she came home. She and Lindsey became the top female athletes at HHSS (thank goodness Lesley was named female athlete of the year in 1987) but they never really pushed themselves. Even when they were racing, they were taking their time, and coaches found it frustrating that they would never compete in the same event — they never wanted to compete against each other. Winning wasn't that important to them.

After graduation, Lesley touched down at York University for a while and was mildly interested in athletics. As she says in the recent edition of Macleans, other people saw potential in her, but she wasn't wearing the same glasses. It wasn't until she postponed her education by moving to Ottawa and training with Craig Taylor that she began to see what others saw.

In the intervening years, Lesley did housework because it was the only job she could fit around her training schedule and still give her enough money to eat. Although all Canadians will take collective pride in her achievements in the Olympics, few taxpayers dollars have helped her get there. Sure, she's a carded athlete now, but most people would be ashamed to realize how little money was involved. How do you get to international meets? How do you buy expensive running shoes? How do you pay the rent? Whether it's just individual sports such as track and field compared to such national pleasures as team hockey, the Canadian government gives very little financial assistance to athletes. And yet when the athletes "representing Canada" reach the Olympics and perhaps win medals, who will be the first to boast? There's one thing about Lesley that is important to remember: she's a very nice young woman, and that's not a Canadian cliché. Lesley is kind, caring, family-oriented and although this sounds odd, rather uncompetitive. Oh, she doesn't want to lose, but she wants to win her way — fairly. Always adamantly against drugs in sport, she's a clean runner (and yet she will constantly run against the stigma of the Ben Johnson scandal. Canadians may have trouble remembering our heroes, but we cling tenaciously to our shames.)

So many things are admirable about Lesley. She's accepted the demands of her sport, including the otherwise incomprehensible all-or-nothing importance of a tenth of a second. She's never complained about her lack of money (at least not publicly.) She's never asked for help. When she gets into the starting blocks in Atlanta, she knows that by and large, she got there by herself, for her own reasons and by her own rules. An admirable young woman. Admirable, and all the poorer for it.

If you'd like to say congratulations or offer to help her in her quest, her address is 3361 Iowa Street, Apt. 217, Baton Rouge, LA, U.S. of A., 70802. M.P.



High water in Minden

by Peter Downs

Letters to the Editor

Majority didn't support Tories

To the Editor:

Sometimes I wonder if the opening lines of editorials are provocative just to get a rise out of readers. At any rate, Len Pizzezy tied a good lure and got at least a healthy nibble from this old trout.

In the editorial "Honesty Counts" he took a broad swing at all the 'special interest groups' and 'the shrill and tiresome' that dare to question the Common Sense Revolution and accused them of being out of step with the 'majority' of Ontarians that support the current government.

As far as I can see, there never was a majority of Ontarians who supported Iron Mike. Of the 62% of Ontarians that voted only 28% cast in favour of the Conservatives. The remaining 34% voted otherwise. This lack of true majority was spun into an overwhelming mandate immediately after the election. If we remove those who did not vote it breaks down that the Conservatives got 45% of the popular vote. Hardly a mandate for the kind of draconian change that they feel justified in implementing! The quality of life in this province is being affected in ways that are truly not in the interest of the commons (the community of Ontarians).

As for the vaunted tax break, Al Palladini may be able to buy a new couch with his. I see whatever comes to me going directly back to the government in increased user fees. It is just a money recycling project or if you will, a handout that is clawed back with the other hand. Fairly mean spirited if you ask me. It will probably look good on the revenue side of the ledger.

As for special interests, I am

beginning to think that Conservatives means Con the people and Serve big Special interests like foreign investors and bond rating agencies. When the finance minister says that the upcoming budget will be good for the people and investment, try

turning that around because "Ontario is open for Business". We, the commons, are just beginning to understand what that really means.

Eric Lilius,
R.R. 1, Haliburton

Son's plea to preserve education no 'stage show'

To the Editor:

In response to the letter from W. T. (Bill) Elliot, Kennis Lake.

"A well orchestrated stage show?" Looked more to me like a community that cares about our future.

My son, using his own mind, pencil and heart asked to be allowed to voice his own concerns.

Mr. Elliot must have been the only person who remained seated as we all got a great perspective of our future through that of a nine-year-old boy.

I am not a politician or a public speaker. I am merely a parent whose words were anything but a stage act. A plea for a brighter future maybe, but a grammy award was not on my list. My appeal was from the heart and out of true concern for our future leaders.

When I referred to being "upstaged by my son" it was really only in jest and was my way of saying "out of the mouths of babes".

If we as adults can't reach the proper levels, then our children

are left to fight for themselves.

I am proud to be the parent of such a wise child who realizes who vital education is to his future.

I can only hope more people take the time to realize that the children we take care of today are the same ones who will be taking care of us tomorrow. If we had all taken Mr. Elliot's position and attended the meeting to listen instead of speak; how would anyone know of our concerns.

Perhaps Mr. Elliot could spend some of his energy in a positive way. Our schools are always in need of volunteers. This would help him gain a broader insight into the present education system and hopefully regain some faith in our future generation. Who better to speak for our children than a child of today?

He should be proud of children like my son; he knows where he's going and he knows how to get there.

David Brindle's Mother,
a.k.a. Susan Brindle-Smith,
Gooderham

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Getting pumped

MARK WAS PROBABLY ONE OF the few people in the county who did not delight in the warming weather. He would be quick to say it wasn't that he disliked gardens, lingering days or the approach of summer. Like everyone else, he eagerly anticipated sitting on the dock in the afternoon sun or throwing out a line to catch that elusive bass. But it was a big jump from now to then and the now was the hard part for Mark. When met with quizzical expressions, he always felt compelled to explain.

The passing of winter meant people would be wanting to have their water systems turned back on, a yearly job that Mark undertook with very mixed emotions. Anyone who has made seven trips up and down a rocky outcropping trying to figure out why a water pump refuses to pump lake water will understand. There is an unwritten law that states the obstinateness of a cottage water system is in direct proportion to the terrain on which the cottage sits.

A cottage set on a flat lot with soft, sandy shore will usually offer an effortless task, one where a bit of priming and a flick of the switch will bring a successful flow of water through the pipes. But find a dwelling perched high above the rock-strewn shore and chances are excellent a cantankerous pump aided and abetted by a deceptive foot valve awaits the hapless plumber.

The repeated climbs over rough and perpendicular terrain is not so bad, Mark will explain to anyone who wants to listen. It's the leaks. No matter how carefully he has drained the system in the fall, leaks develop magically over the winter as though touched by some magical and malevolent frost fairy. The most energetic pump and the most responsible foot valve in the world do not stand a chance when put up against a leaking hose. And ever try to find a thin stream of water running from a single spot along a hose that might stretch a couple of hundred feet over, in, and around dense Canadian bush?

But even the leaks aren't so bad, Mark will continue to explain, if anyone is still listening at this point. Often people have drifted off by now, their thoughts turned to barbecues and the joy of flush toilets. Doggedly, he will carry on. The climbing, the stubbed toes and twisted ankles, the uncooperative machinery and gadgets: these he can handle. Until, Mark says, his voice lowering to a hush of horror, one more ingredient is added to this mess. Black flies.

Black flies are to springtime plumbers what gasoline is to fire. They definitely make a bad situation worse. And like gasoline, all you need is a little bit to cause a lot of trouble.

Now Mark has never liked bugs, mainly because they really like him. So he takes every opportunity to avoid them and if that is not possible, then he puts as many barriers between them and himself as he can. Inspect repellents, nets, hats, body-covering apparel of every kind. The problem however, is that it is difficult to find thin streams of water on long, hidden hoses when looking through a bug net. It is equally hard to crawl under a cottage to get at pipes and the like, without dislocating protective items of clothing. In addition, if you think it is possible to keep insect repellent on skin that is wiped, smeared, rubbed and sweating profusely due to layers of cloth, then you are mistaken.

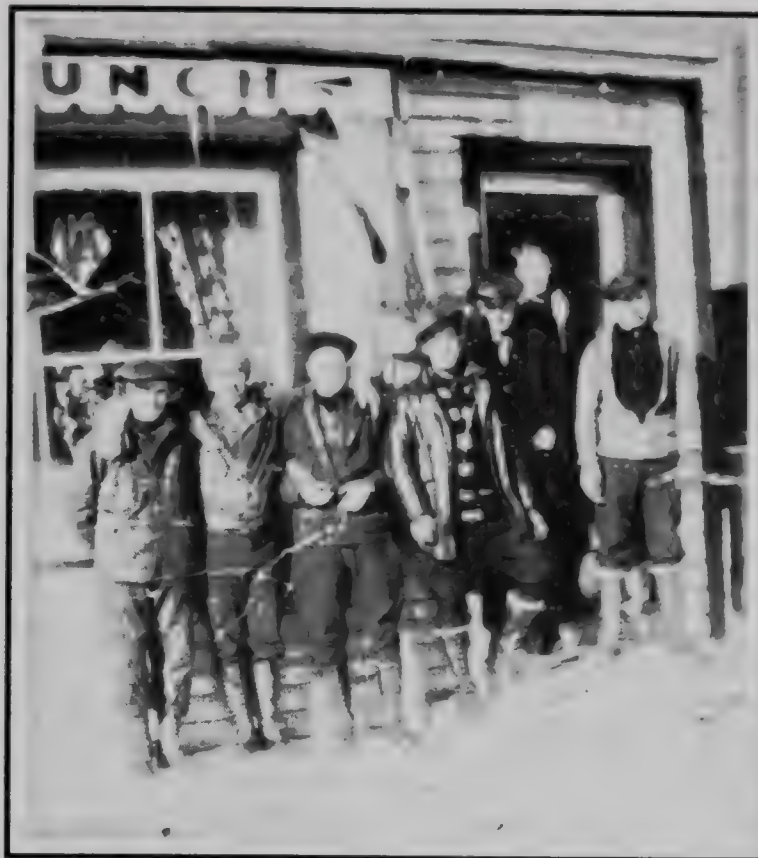
It is usually at this point in the conversation that Mark feels he has regained the sympathy of his listener. There is something about the psyche of Canadians that is very sympathetic to the plight of anyone forced to contend with black flies. It's probably because we have all felt hounded, if not victimized, by these tiny tyrants at least once in our lives. It's a national experience, like forgetting the words to "O Canada" in front of someone important.

But while people can identify with Mark's discomfort in dealing with the changing seasons, it isn't long before they begin tapping their fingers in impatience. They will hear his tale of woe, but hope he will hurry up and finish because there is usually one question burning to be asked: "Is our water on yet?"



DOWN OUR ROAD

Sharon Lynch



Pic of the Past

When Jim Beattie came to the Highlands to work in a logging camp in 1935, he and his co-workers sometimes made it into town for a short break. This picture shows, from left, Archie Smith, the camp driver (name unknown), Bill Hamilton, Jim Beattie, Claude Picket, Percy Hall and Joe Cronin standing in front of the Kozy Korner on main street Haliburton. Our thanks to Mr. Beattie, whose family now owns a cottage near Tory Hill, for sharing this photo with us.

Doing the new cat shuffle

THERE IS A FELINE tenant at Tonarosa Farms North. Like all but our first cat, she was rescued from an unhappy situation.

Bringing a second cat into what has been a one cat house for over a year, can be a little tricky. Cats are territorial, and Yeti is very vocal about his realm. To him, as lovely and gentle as she is, Michealangelo is definitely an intruder. And so we began to dance the new cat shuffle. The object being not to let the two cats wander into the same space at the same time.

Thus, when Yeti was in the main, open rooms, Mikey was closed in the bathroom. (It's a big room.) When Yeti was outside, Mikey was allowed to occupy the main rooms. (Except our bedroom, because it was too hard to get her out from under the bed, or the basement, because she could get lost down there. If Yeti came in, he went down cellar while Mikey was out of her boudoir.)

This whole exercise depended on everyone in the house remembering not only to close several doors without letting a cat slip through, but also where each cat was at any given time. It was doomed to failure.

The first few days were rela-



NORTHERN LIGHTS

Virginia Muenzel

tively quiet, because Mikey was traumatized, and hardly stirred. But once she felt safe and comfortable, she began to check out her new domain. Neither one of us is too bright in the morning. The first couple of times we left a door opened, we caught it before a cat did. But last Tuesday morning Mikey got down cellar. I called, coaxed, and followed her around in circles to no avail. She had found a hiding place and decided to soak up the ambiance of sawdust, tools and firewood. Now, I had to remember not to let Yeti go down there. So, before we went out to euchre night, we had to shut Yeti in the bedroom, and leave the cellar door open. Happily, by the time we came home, Mikey had come upstairs to eat.

It was time to move on. The cats had seen each other and grumbled several times. Janet (at the vet's) suggested the cage routine. One cat encaged, the other loose in the same space. Mikey wanted to get some fresh air, so we took the cage outside.

Poor Mikey has so much to get used to. She didn't understand beds, couches, reclining people, washers or dryers. Now she had to get used to chickens, tillers, all those grandchildren, and worst of all, a big dog whose main goal in life is to schleck the faces of every living thing on the farm. Even cats. A cat in a cage was frustrating to Nanook. He tried talking to her, and got spit at. Recognizing that ploy from Yeti, the friendly, klutzy dog rolled over into his submissive, "be my friend" position. Mikey turned her back on him. Nanook brought forth all his cuteness, put his chin on his paws, and laid down beside the cage.

Wednesday, we put the cats each in a cage facing the other. They grumbled a few times and turned their backs on each other. It's almost time. Mikey has settled in. She wants to explore the outdoors. Yeti will have to remain house bound while Mikey sorts out her boundaries. Then, we'll have to let the two cats settle their differences and agree to simply tolerate each other.

Hopefully, somehow, Yeti will recall a time when he was rescued from starvation at -20°C, and remember that two other cats grudgingly accepted him into their realm.

Letter to the Editor

French Canadians have seen nationhood stymied

To the Editor:

Re: MP John O'Reilly's questionnaire on national unity.

Most "Americans" appear in deep denial as to the historical root of the Canadian crisis. The low-profile motto, "Je me souviens", hints to it: the English victory under Wolfe at the Plains of Abraham. As all conquered people — albeit under an enlightened and benevolent

occupying force — the French Canadians have become stymied in the full development of their nationhood. A royalist clergy and an agricultural vocation have kept their nationalist agitators at bay until the mid-Fifties. I was there and have seen it happen. Turning high-tech and neo-pagans, mis-informed by warped media, Quebecois have become loose cannons on the Canadian lower deck. We will all likely sink together.

Charles Lutz
Haliburton

See more letters
on Page 30.

Boonieville

by Charlie Teljeur



Wilberforce teams cap winning season

by MARTHA PERKINS
Editor

The Wilberforce Minor Hockey Association wrapped up one of its most successful seasons ever with a potluck dinner and awards presentation on May 4.

Both on the ice and off, the association has much to brag about. Players' skills advanced and developed throughout the season and many teams ended the year with a championship banner.

Thanks primarily to its weekly bingos, the association also ended its fiscal season in the black, said president Rick Huffman. This is especially rewarding considering that ice time alone cost \$16,000 and registration raised only \$5,000.

Team and tournament sponsors were also vital to the association's success and they are acknowledged and thanked in an ad below.

Meanwhile, The Echo would like to thank Sue Clarkson for her outstanding coverage, patience and understanding during the

reporting season.

The following is a list of the teams' accomplishments as outlined by Rick Huffman:

PeeWees

they started the year with a strong team, competing successfully in their division. They had a bit of a slump during mid season but ended as Tri-County A-Champions.

Atoms

They started the season in the C division but being too strong, were moved to a higher level and still managed to become B Finalists.

Novices

The team was well rounded and competitive in their division with a lot of close games. They ended the season as A Finalists which was a big accomplishment for such a small team.

Tykes

This team was small in both size and number. With only nine players, (which soon became eight due to an off-ice injury), the team still managed to finish second in their division.

Mites

The Mites are probably the most improved of the teams. Struggling at the beginning due to their size (or lack of it) and ability when compared to much larger teams, they ended the year winning against these same teams.

Individual Awards

Mike Burke, Brad Park and Matt Burke were given plaques in appreciation for their help in setting up, cleaning up and serving lunches at tournaments, which helped make them the success they were.

Best Offensive Player:

PeeWee Chris Alden; Atom Ben DeCarlo; Novice Aaron Donaldson

Most Improved Player:

PeeWee Chris Peacock; Atom Paul Wesley; Novice Matthew Tripp

Most Dedicated Player:

PeeWee Ken Mott; Atom Tom Bates; Novice Chris Johnston

Best Two-Way Player:

PeeWee Corby Semple; Atom Brandon Logan; Novice Kevin Bowman

Best Defensive Player:



PEEWEE TRI-COUNTY A CHAMPIONS: From left are: Back row: Coach Ray Brown, Adam Clarkson, Ian Brown, Ken Mott and trainer Richard Cripps. Middle row: Corby Semple, Joe Carey, Chris Peacock, Ira Arsenault and assistant coach Rick Huffman. Front row: Jeremy Huffman, Mike Jones, Chris Alden and David Arsenault. Absent are Sean Critch and manager Pat Brown.

PeeWee Adam Clarkson; Atom Tim Covert; Novice Tim Pettit

Most Sportsmanlike: PeeWee Ian Brown; Atom Mathew Manary; Novice Gavin Swan

Most Valuable Goalie: Atom Billy Hunter

The Ben Matthew Memorial Award for Most Improved Player of the

League: This trophy is handed out yearly to a player the executive feels improved the most over the season. This year's recipient, the Novice's Matthew Tripp, was playing in a higher age group and struggled to keep up at first, but with hard work, determination and support from parents and coaches, the

improvement he made over the year made him a great asset to his time.

1996/97 Executive: President Rick Huffman; Vice President Ray Brown; Secretary Pat Brown; Treasurer Shirley Quibell; Executive Richard Cripps, Bill Shaw and Don Meharrie.

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ATOM TRI-COUNTY B FINALISTS: From left are: Back row: Trainer Tony DeCarlo, Ben DeCarlo, Bill Hunter, Thomas Mt. Pleasant, Paul Hutchinson, coach Butch Manary and manager Paul Hutchinson. Front row: Tim Covert, Brandon Logan, Mitchell Clarkson, Matthew Manary and Matthew Shaw. Absent are trainer David Reil, Paul Wessley, Tom Bates and Matthew Reil.



NOVICE TRI-COUNTY A FINALISTS: From left are: Back row: Wayne Quibell, trainer; Roger Johnston manager; and Lee Donaldson, coach. Middle row: Kanan Quibell, Matthew Davidson, Matthew Tripp, Shawn Crowder and Tim Pettit. Front row: Chris Johnston, Gavin Swan, Kevin Bowman, Aaron Donaldson and Josh Mackay. Absent: Andy Sayers.



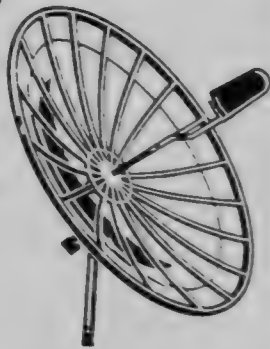
TYKE TRI-COUNTY A FINALISTS: From left are: back row: Chris Roberts, Shayne Gillick, Steven Meharrie, Jessie Mackay and coach Tony DeCarlo. Front row: Galen Bowman, Daniel Riley, Adam DeCarlo and Travis Mackay. Absent are Jonathan Belbin, trainer Dave Gillick and manager Karen Gillick.

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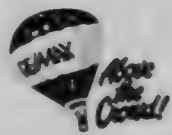


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Going for high school glory

Athletes at HHSS rewrote the school's record book on Thursday, setting 19 new standards in a variety of events, from sprints and hurdles, to long distance races and triple jump.

Clockwise from top, Amanda Duncombe, who went on to win the Jr. girls' long jump competition, takes flight; Anna Tomlinson, who set records in four events -- discus, triple jump, long jump and distance hurdles, powers out of the starting blocks; and Darren Mills strides around the track.



HHSS athletes shatter 19 track records

by PAUL MORISSETTE
HHSS Coach

Last Thursday, the weather was perfect for a Track and Field Day at HHSS. So perfect in fact, that this year the participating athletes broke an incredible 19 school records — six by the men, and 13 by the women. The weatherman co-operated and the conditions on the track were terrific.

The team would like to thank Rocky Roberts and the custodial staff for preparing the facility and Kit Pizze, Chris Greenfield, and Jamie Keefer for helping to officiate. The team has been training hard for weeks in anticipation of an excellent year. All that training seems to have paid off!

Russell Snodden proved he was real fast in the special needs 100 metres. Russell deservedly received the largest cheers of the day. Mike Bradley established new school bests in the sprints — 100 and 200 metre runs. Mike will turn a few heads in the next few weeks in Peterborough and Ottawa.

Travis Willison broke a 20-year record in the distance hurdles.

Jesse Sternberg eclipsed the Midget triple jump record, and Aidan McKnight set a new Midget hurdle record.

The women re-wrote much of the school's record book. Caitlin Petit established a new Jr. Girls record in the 3000 metre run.

Anna Tomlinson, at her pen-

tathlete best, established four new records in the discus, triple jump, long jump, and distance hurdles.

Two Midget girls broke every running record at HHSS.

Stephanie Ratz proved she is the best women's distance runner ever at HHSS, setting new marks in the 800, 1500, and 3000 metre runs. Kate Campbell broke most of this year's Olympians -Leslie Tashlin's- marks, establishing five new records in the 100, 200, 400, metre runs, as well as the distance and sprint hurdles.

Best of luck to all competitors in next week's Kawartha championships.

The Track and Field day results follow:, with record-setters in capital letters

Midget Girls

100 metres: KATE CAMPBELL, 13.2; Amy Brandon, 14.1, Meaghan Kennedy, 14.3; Reagan Brown, 15.1.

200 m: KATE CAMPBELL, 28.3; Amy Brandon, 30.6; Meaghan Kennedy, 31.9; Reagan Brown, 33.1, Amy Pergolas, 33.2.

400 m: KATE CAMPBELL, 1:04.9; Reagan Brown, 1:12.4; Amy Pergolas, 1:16.9; Sarah Bloomfield, 1:19.4.

800 m: STEPHANIE RATZ, 2:39.9; Amy Pergolas, 2:57.2; Sarah Bloomfield, 3:03.2.

1500 m: STEPHANIE RATZ, 5:36.7.

3000 m: STEPHANIE RATZ,

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Students rewrite record book

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12:09.6

Sprint Hurdles, 80 m: KATE CAMPBELL, 12.9; Amy Brandon, 15.3.

Distance Hurdles, 300 m: KATE CAMPBELL, 48.9; Reagan Brown, 59.6.

4X100 Relay: Amy Brandon, Meaghan Kennedy, Stephanie Ratz, Kate Campbell, 56.3.

Long Jump: Meaghan Kennedy, 4.04; Shirleen Dehaan, 4.00; Britney Hewitt, 3.89; Amy Brandon, 3.67.

Triple Jump: Britney Hewitt, 8.11; Shirleen Dehaan, 7.27.

Shot Put: Shirleen Dehaan, 8.25; Britney Hewitt, 6.45; Kristen Sisson, 6.38; Vanessa Roberts, 5.79.

Discus: Britney Hewitt, 20.34; Kristen Sisson, 19.50; Shirleen Dehaan, 19.16; Jennifer Wales, 17.82; Vanessa Roberts, 14.42.

Javelin: Jennifer Wales, 18.44; Britney Hewitt, 18.04; Shirleen Dehaan, 17.18; Vanessa Roberts, 17.08.

100 m: Amanda Duncombe, 13.8; Amanda McClenaghan, 14.3; Amber Bunn, 14.5; Nikki Gauley, 14.6.

200 m: Amanda Duncombe, 29.6; Amber Bunn, 31.4; Rachel Brown, 31.9; Caitlin Petit, 31.9.

400 m: Amanda Duncombe, 1:08.9; Amy Wood, 109.6.

3000 m: CAITLIN PETIT, 13:44.1.

Sprint Hurdles: Amber Bunn, 14.8; Freya Lilius, 16.0.

Distance Hurdles: Amber Bunn, 57.2; Caitlin Petit, 1:02.2.

Long Jump: Amanda Duncombe, 4.55; Amy Wood, 4.48; Nikki Gauley, 4.21; Amanda McClenaghan, 3.80.

Triple Jump: Amy Wood, 9.24; Amanda Duncombe, 9.21; Nikki Gauley, 8.20; Shannon Britton, 7.31.

Shot Put: Tiffani Cowen, 7.80;

Amber-Lee Cully, 7.60; Kristen Schakelaar, 6.26.

Discus: Tiffani Cowen, 21.56; Amber-Lee Cully, 18.18; Freya Lilius, 17.50; Brandi Hewson, 17.50.

Javelin: Amber-Lee Cully, 25.36; Amanda McClenaghan, 21.58; Amber Bunn, 20.70; Tiffani Cowen, 19.42.

4X100 Relay: Reagan Brown, Amanda McClenaghan, Amber Bunn, Amber-Lee Cully, 1:02.56.

400 m: Anna Tomlinson, 1:06.7.

Distance Hurdles: ANNA TOMLINSON, 1:16.9.

Long Jump: Anna Tomlinson, 4.69.

Triple Jump: ANNA TOMLINSON, 10.05.

Discus: ANNA TOMLINSON, 30.44; Bobbi Griffin, 25.78.

4X100 Relay: Nikki Gauley, Anna Tomlinson, Amy Wood, Amanda Duncombe, 1:00.0.

100 m: Jesse Sternberg, 12.1; Jon Swinson, 12.3; Devon Dart, 12.9; Greg Luck, 13.9.

200 m: Jesse Sternberg, 25.5; Devon Dart, 27.2.

400 m: Devon Dart, 1:02.3; Adam Durkin, 1:07.1; Mike Morrisette, 1:08.20.

800 m: Alan Pugh, 2:27.8; Dan Vanderlip, 2:31.8.

1500 m: Alan Pugh, 5:10.7; Dan Vanderlip, 5:24.3.

3000 m: Alan Pugh, 11:23.1.

Sprint Hurdles: Aidan McKnight, 18.3; Ryan O'Neil, 20.3.

Distance Hurdles: Aidan McKnight, 49.9; Jesse Sternberg, 50.1; Ryan O'Neil, 55.0; Mike Morrisette, 55.1.

Long Jump: Jesse Sternberg, 5.22; Jon Swinson, 4.99; Aidan McKnight, 4.76; Trevor Moore, 4.52.

Triple Jump: JESSE STERNBERG, 11.20;

Devon Dart, 10.24; Aidan McKnight, 10.17; Ryan O'Neil, 9.58.

High Jump: Trevor Moore, 1.40; Aaron Gibbons, 1.40.

Pole Vault: Greg Luck, 2.0; Mike Morrisette, 2.0; Adam Durkin, 2.0.

Shot Put: Matt Reid, 10.38; Adam Durkin, 10.28; Greg Luck, 10.10; Aaron Gibbons, 9.17.

Discus: Matt Reid, 32.54; Devon Dart, 31.56; Adam Durkin, 30.60; Aaron Gibbons, 29.66.

Javelin: Jon Swinson, 33.42; Matt Reid, 29.84; Greg Luck, 28.84.

4X100 Relay: Devon Dart, Aaron McKnight, Mike Morrisette, Jesse Sternberg, 52.1.

100 m: MIKE BRADLEY, 11.2; Ashley Walker, 11.9; Greg Simmons, 12.1; Matt Billings, 12.2.

200 m: MIKE BRADLEY, 23.6; Ashley Walker, 24.4; John Craig, 25.7; Jason Kasepчук, 26.6.

400 m: Ashley Walker, 56.9; John Craig, 59.2; Don Todd, 59.8; Greg Simmons, 59.8.

800 m: Don Todd, 2:26.3; Darren Mills, 2:30.7.

1500 m: Glenn McGuire, 5:01.8; Don Todd, 5:09.0.

3000 m: Glenn McGuire, 11:23.4.

Distance Hurdles: Greg Simmons, 45.0; John Craig, 45.0.



GETTING A LEG UP: Travis Willison, who set a record in the sr. boys 400-meter hurdles, shows his form.

Long Jump: George Godfrey, 10.68; Chris Preston, 10.57. 5.31; Shane Parks, 5.29; Jason Pole Vault: Greg Simmons, Kasepчук, 4.87; Kevin Brezina, 3.20. 4.79.

Triple Jump: Shane Parks,

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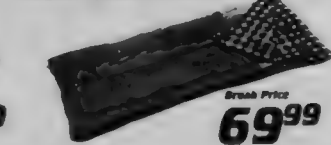
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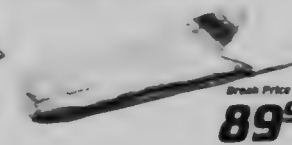
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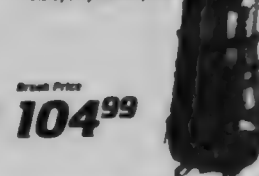
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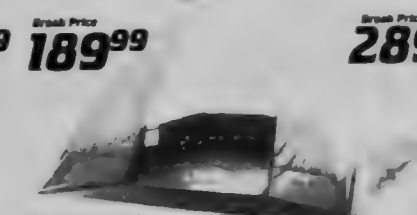
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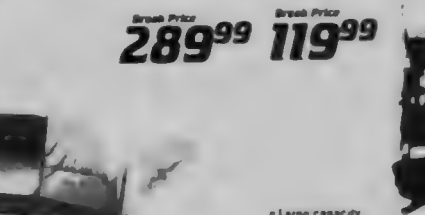
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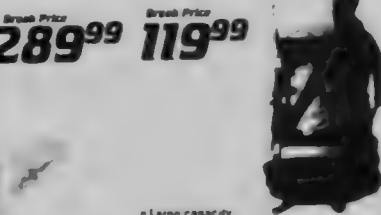
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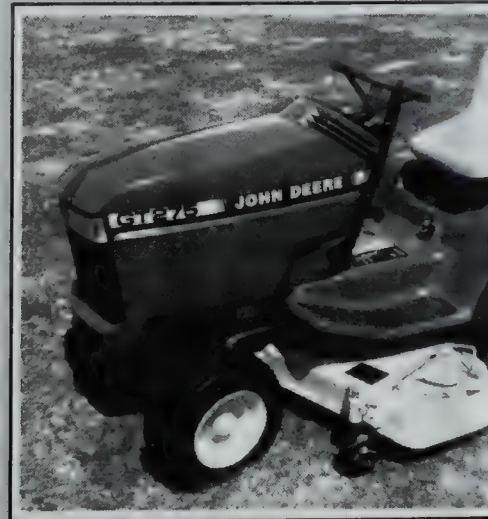
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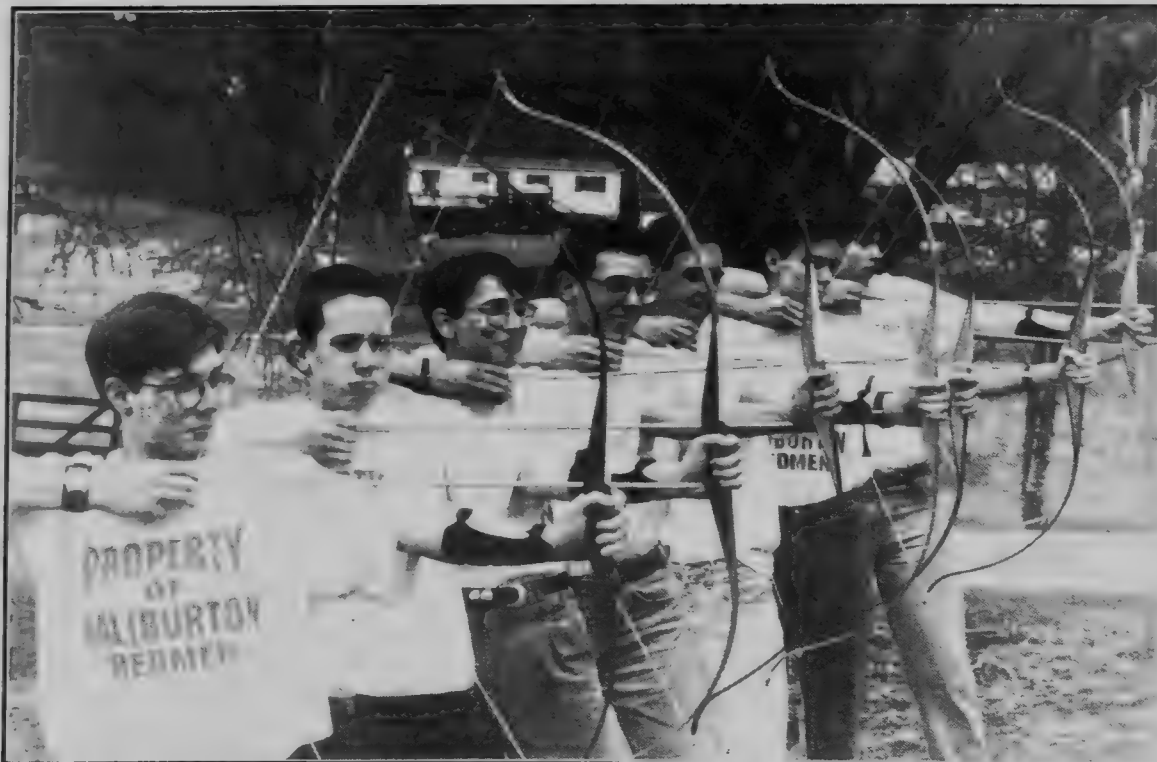
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TAKING AIM:

Three members of the HHSS archery team set personal best scores last week at the Kawartha District Archery Championship in Lakefield. Here, the seven competitors who attended the event practice their form, including: Kevin Hurley, Justin McConnell, Nate Hughes, Nelson Fielding, Jeremy Roberts, Ian Greaves and Drew Robertson.



Student archers hit best scores

Three Haliburton archers achieved personal best scores in the Kawartha District Archery Championship in Lakefield last Wednesday.

In the Boys Standard class, Jeremy Roberts, in his second year of competition, shot a personal best score of 333, which earned him the first place honours. In second place with a score of 331 was last year's winner from Lakefield. Haliburton dominated the rest of the standings with rookie Ian Greaves taking the third place ribbon with a personal best score of 330. These were unusually close scores considering a perfect round is 600. Drew Robertson, another second year shooter, earned fourth place and rookie Nelson Fielding was the third Haliburton archer to achieve a personal best score which earned him fifth place. The boys are already talking about breaking the 400 mark next year.

The seven HHSS competitors were selected from the 18 who took part in the school's Archery Club this year. The club is open to both boys and girls, but only boys showed an interest this year.

The competition has three classes for boys and girls based on the type of equipment used. Most of the Haliburton shooters compete in the Standard class as this is the equipment the school can provide. Students shooting in the Olympic or Compound classes must own their own equipment.

Slo-pitch tourney helps hospitals

The first annual Jenna Tompkins Memorial Slo-Pitch Tournament is inviting local teams to help raise money for the Minden Hospital Building Fund.

The tournament is in memory of the seven-year-old girl who tragically died in a horseback riding accident last August. She and her 9-year-old brother were visiting her grandparents, Lou and Laurel Tompkins of Twelve Mile Lake.

If you are interested in participating in the June 22nd event, the fee is \$250 per team. Registration forms are available at Sharpley Sports in Haliburton and Spot 97 in Minden. The deadline is June 8.

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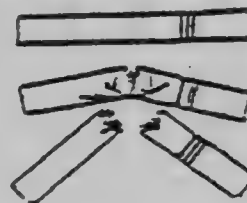
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Best friends gain respect while burning up the track

by SUE CARR
HHSS Co-Op Student

"They work really hard, are very dedicated, and they're talented," says teacher/coach Paul Morissette of two runners at HHSS who have earned the respect of teachers, students and fellow athletes.

Grade 9 Midget girls Kate Campbell and Stephanie Ratz were just two of the many athletes participating in track and field day at the high school on Thursday, and the small crowd of spectators cheered them on - "Attack!" Morissette directed as Kate approached each hurdle - as they ran, jumped, and crossed the finish line.

Lesley Tashlin, one of the high school's most distinguished graduates, and a present Olympian,

would have been astonished to see that the two midget girls broke every running record at HHSS... including some of Tashlin's best.

Campbell set five new records in the 100 m, 200 m and 400 m runs, and in the 80 m and 300 m hurdles. Ratz proved to be the best women's distance runner ever at our school, setting new marks in the 800 m, 1500 m, and 3000 m runs.

The girls began running competitively in Grade 8, and in this, their Grade 9 year, became involved in cross-country running. That's when they began to be noticed.

"She's the awesome sprinter," Stephanie laughs and Kate interrupts to say "and she's the awesome long-distance runner!"

The runners laugh and finish each other's thoughts a lot. Being

best friends is easier because they are both involved in track, meaning that they almost always have someone to run with.

"I love it that we're both runners, because it gives us a chance to run together as friends," says Kate, who gets her running ability from her dad's side of the family.

Stephanie claims she's the only athlete in her family - although she looks around nervously for signs of her older sister, Carolyn. "She'd kill me if she heard that!" she laughs.

Practices are "constant." The girls practise every day after school, and on weekends ("if we're not too tired.")

"We practise here," Kate says "and sometimes at each other's houses after school."

Stephanie feels that her biggest accomplishment was qualifying for OFSAA, the all-Ontario finals, in cross country. She didn't place there, but just qualifying meant a lot to her. Kate has several moments that she's proud of, but finally settles on her track meet on Friday 2nd, in Etobicoke, where she came in 2nd out of 60 girls. A hard feat for anyone.

It's not possible for any of the student or teacher population to be unaware of the two "future Olympians", as the announcements are filled with news of their victories. The pressure surrounding them is immense, but the girls don't mind.

"It pushes us," says Kate.

Not that the girls need a push...you'd have to catch up to them first!

The girls would like to thank Tim Davies, Chris Greenfield, and especially Mr. Morissette for their coaching and support.



RECORD-SETTING FRIENDS: Grade 9 students Stephanie Ratz, left, and Kate Campbell are friends on and off the track, where they broke a combined eight records at HHSS last week.

Students encouraged by Olympian's success

by SUE CARR
HHSS Co-Op Student

Many students get discouraged when living in Haliburton, because they feel that although they have special talents, they will never be discovered. That's why it's so nice when we hear about a former graduate of our local high school succeeding elsewhere.

This week's edition of Macleans magazine features a brief article on former HHSS student and athlete Lesley Tashlin. The article explains how Tashlin is a late blooming runner, meaning that she left school without really attempting to become a professional athlete, and ended up, today, being an Olympian.

The article basically tells Tashlin's story, and includes a picture of her, as well as a mentioning of the small town she grew up in—Haliburton. Lesley Tashlin is living proof that if you've got it, no matter where you live, you can make it.

HHSS athletes break new ground

FROM page 15

Shot Put: Matt Billings, 10.51; Quentin McCormack, 9.56; Kevin Cripps, 8.86.

Discus: George Godfrey, 31.64; Quentin McCormack, 29.68; Darren Mills, 28.92.

Javelin: Glenn McGuire, 30.76; Matt Billings, 29.28; Shane Parks, 27.30.

4X100 Relay: Greg Simmons, Matt Billings, John Craig, Ashley Walker, 49.3.

100 m: Scott Whittaker, 12.06; Bill Koz, 12.09; Tim Stouffer, 12.4; Travis Willison, 12.5.

200 m: Scott Whittaker, 24.6; Ryan Reesor, 25.3; Will Wallace, 25.8.

400 m: Will Wallace, 58.5.

110 m Hurdles: Travis Willison, 16.6.

400 m Hurdles: TRAVIS WILLISON, 1:02.65.

Long Jump: Scott Whittaker, 5.86; Travis Willison, 5.78; Nathan Gibbons, 5.26; Will Wallace, 5.13.

Pole Vault: Travis Willison, 3.35; Ryan Ladurantaye.

Shot Put: Jamie Swinson, 11.25; Ryan Ladurantaye, 11.06; Jeff Wray, 10.47; Nathan Gibbons, 9.74.

Discus: Ryan Ladurantaye, 31.28; Jeff Wray, 30.10; Tim Stouffer, 29.90; Jamie Swinson, 29.86.

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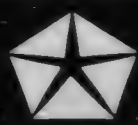
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Badminton players fare well at OFSAA

by ANNA TOMLINSON

Three Haliburton Badminton players travelled to Sault. St. Marie for the OFSAA Championship Tournament from May 2-4.

In men's singles, "Wild" Will Wallace, who remained undefeated in the first four tournaments of the season, played his best badminton all year.

After getting over some pre-game jitters in his first match,

Will took his next two competitors to three games each. Against both competitors, he missed the win by only a few points, but he played like a champion and finished the season as the 35th best men's single's player in the province.

In ladies' doubles, Stacey Bunn and Jody Reid's first match of the tournament was played against the second seeded team in Ontario. Stacey and Jody gave the team a good game, but were unable to put

the bird away for a win.

In their second game, the girls came back strong and won with ease. That win made Stacey and Jody the 26th best ladies' doubles team in the province.

Both teams represented Haliburton well against such a high level of competition and Coach Yake was very proud of them. Congratulations once again to Will, Stacey and Jody on an awesome badminton season.

Adult hockey team seeks players for European games

The Heartbreakers, an adult hockey team based in Winnipeg, is looking for players to participate in a recreational tour of Holland, Germany, Belgium and England this coming October. Dave Springett, team manager and organizer of the trip, is currently accepting applications from area players who want to experience a European hockey tour.

While team members are responsible for their own travel expenses, the club

provides uniforms and makes all the arrangements leaving the players to focus on the games, and enjoying an entirely different continent. Players throughout Canada and the U.S. have participated in the past.

The team is filled on a first-come, first-serve basis and will play five no contact exhibition games during the ten-day tour. All area players are welcome whatever age or skill level and can get more information by calling Springett at (204) 489-9228.

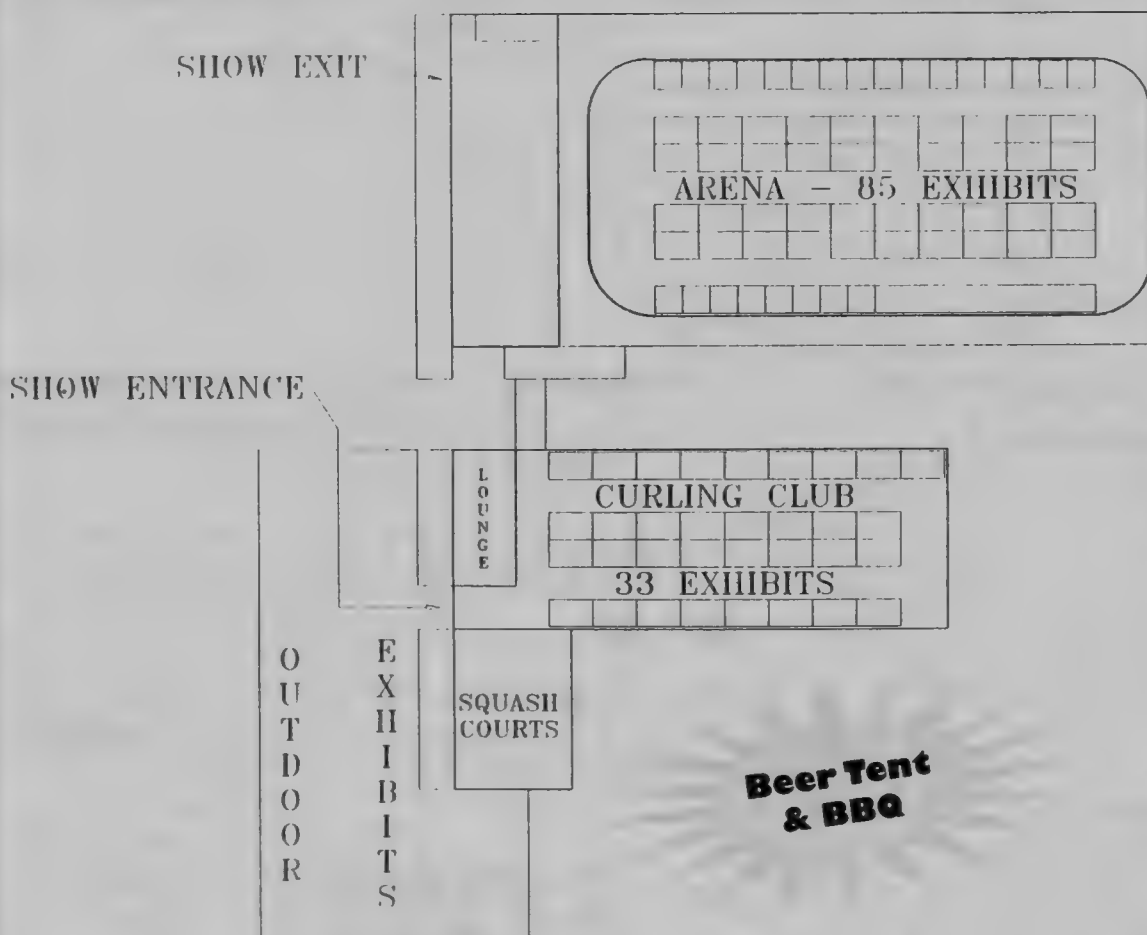


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Don and I enjoyed being with you and serving you. It was a great honor and privilege to do so. On behalf of my late husband Don, our family and myself, my deepest THANKS. You will always be in our hearts.

God Bless you all,
Jackie Banks.

Masterminds at work:

Josh Fick, left, matches his strategy against Calvin Roswell's during the Haliburton County Chess Championships, held at J. Douglas Hodgson Elementary School on May 9. Calvin went on to take second place among Grade 3 students, while Josh took third.



Chess results

Grade 3

First, Steve Morgan, JDHES
Second, Calvin Roswell, JDHES
Third, Josh Fick, JDHES
Fourth, Deni Knezevic, JDHES
Fifth, Ryan Bates, Gooderham

Grade 4

First, James Forde, Wilberforce
Second, Brad Mickle, JDHES
Three-way tie for third held by: Tammy Billings, Gooderham; Matthew Ellis, JDHES; and Charles Taylor, JDHES.

Grade 5

First, Nick Judge, JDHES
Second, Steven Smith, Wilberforce, tied with Ben Neve, JDHES
Fourth, Matt Reil, Gooderham
Fifth, Tina Costeloe, Gooderham

Grade 6

First, Alex Judge, JDHES
Second, Erin Wilson, JDHES
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Fourth, Michael Burke, Wilberforce
Fifth, Lacey Trotter, Gooderham

Grade 7/8

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STORY BY SUE CARR

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AS THE HEAVY, spring sunshine beat down on the forest behind HHSS last Tuesday, laughter, howling, and even quacking could be heard along the ELM trail.

The trail, built by various biology and chemistry students and led by teacher Dave Mowat, was packed with Grade 2, 3 and 4 students from Gooderham Public School.

Mr. Mowat designed ELM (Energy, Lifestyles, and Matter) to introduce children to our environment and our surroundings through a series of trails and activities in the woods at the back of the high school.

Ryan Bates, a Grade 3 student, says, "We're learning about the forest, and the animals, so that when we grow up we can teach kids about how to help our forests."

Whether it be at "Rock Candy Mountain", "The Unnature Trail", or in active games of "Camouflage" between trails, the kids, both young and old, were obviously having fun...and learning at the same time!

"I like it here," says Kindergarten student, Tracy McKee. "I got to do a duck thing!"

A duck thing? Further research showed that the "duck thing" is an activity in which participating students follow "head duck" Amie Swan through puddles of mud on horseshoes.

Other activities included

howling like the wolves, led by Anne-Marie Miniaci and Joni Erikson, picking "unnatural items" out of a "natural forest", led by Rob Camelon and Jammie Ogle, and doing a caterpillar dance with Jess Berry, Connie Houghton and Tasha Moore.

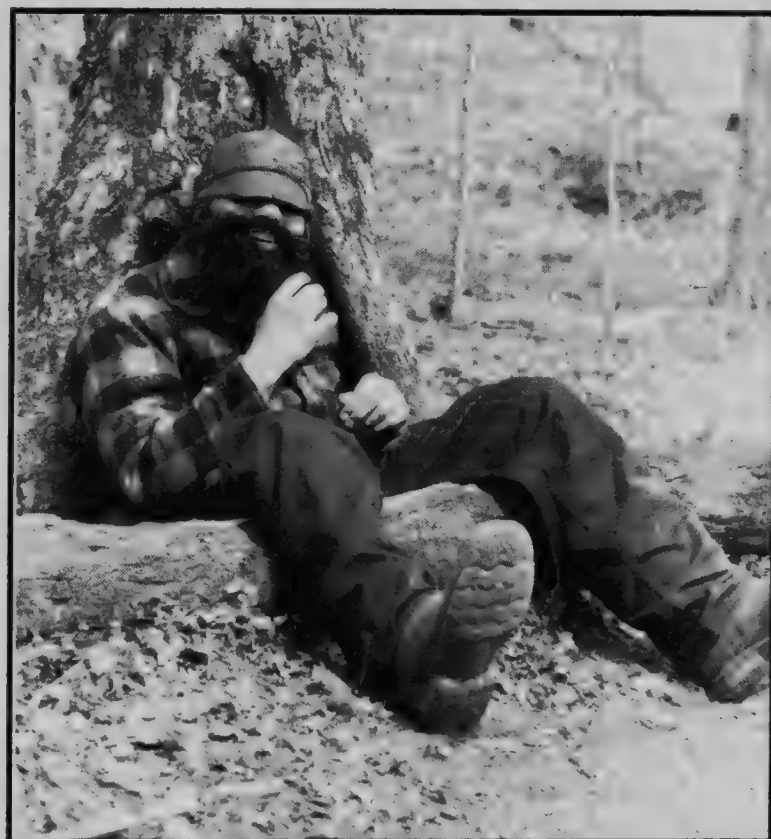
The primary kids weren't the only ones having a fun time though. The high school students were witnessed many times trying to stifle a laugh as the kids came out with some cute sayings.

When Grade 3 student David Brindle won the opportunity to be the "Alpha Pup" at the wolf station, he shouted, "I'm the Alphabetical!", much to the amusement of trail leaders Cara Donnery and Ryan Ellis.

Brianne Hewitt, a Grade 11 ELM participant, laughs as she remembers an occurrence at the spider activity. "I was getting the kids to enter the spider web trail, where Andrew (McKelvey, who acted as a spider complete with costume) would try to catch them if he heard them ring a bell (attached to the web of string.) One little girl wouldn't go in, and when I asked her why, she looked at Andrew and said 'He scares me!' It was so funny!"

Last Tuesday marked the closing day for ELM, until next year, when a new group of kids will come to HHSS to learn about our environment, chase each other along the trails, and get the chance to act like animals.

Literally.



Clockwise from top right: Gooderham student Tracy McKee learns to use her other senses in the woods; HHSS Old Man Rip, aka, Kevin Cripps, waits to explain how syrup was collected "in the old days"; Jordana Graham monitors the forest; and Mandy Dennie learns about being a bear, growl included

An image problem

"Skaters" see ouster from front of school as an unfriendly move

by SUE CARR
HHSS Co-Op Student

Imagine feeling as though your school looks down on you for how you choose to dress. Or for how you choose to spend your free time.

Moogy Senitt, a Grade 10 student at HHSS, feels this way lately, due to a recent move made by school officials.

Senitt is known as a "skater", a sometimes friendly, sometimes harsh term for a skateboarder. Skaters — used in a friendly context here — have been around for quite some time, and skateboarding has become a popular activity around the world, including in Haliburton County.

As any other group, skaters tend to have a certain attitude on life, and they tend to dress with a certain style. Baggy pants, t-shirts, long, sometimes dyed hair, and toques are the norm for both genders of skaters, and this style is beginning to reflect youth — whether they be 12 or 19, male or female, skateboarder or not. Parents have begun to give up on attempting to get their children to dress a certain way, because many in this generation primarily dress to feel good, not to impress others as past generations may have done.

Haliburton County has a lack of open pavement suitable for skaters, but the teens make do with the pavement around the high school. In the past, some of the skaters have been using the pavement outside the main foyer at the school, but recently this privilege has been abolished, an act that angers many skateboarding students. The skaters now skate around at the back of the building.

It bothers Senitt because he feels as though the decision was based purely on appearance.

"A couple of us were skating out there sometime last year, and a teacher came out and told us to leave because we don't look good on the school," he says,

although he later admitted that it might not have been those exact words, or in that context.

The pavement, says Senitt, is smoother out front, and there are no passing cars to worry about. With an embarrassed grin on his face, he admits that the teens aren't always polite to incoming visitors, but, as far as he knows, they've never hit or run over anyone.

"I'm sure that if there were people out there playing street hockey, they'd be allowed," he says.

Vice-Principal Mike Burke seems to understand what the skaters are going through.

"We aren't allowing them to skate out there because of two things," he says: "safety and perception."

Burke commends the skaters, as

well as rollerblading and hackey-sack playing students for their skills, and says, "We're certainly not trying to hide them by having them skate at the back, it's just that other than the main foyer, it's smoother pavement for them there."

"There's also the perception of the visitors. Many people don't like having their garbage at the front of their house where visitors can see it first off."

Recently, there has been some vandalism in the school because of skateboard and rollerblade wheels, and there have been foot marks on the walls, which angers the custodians. Senitt understands why there can be no skating in the halls though. In the end, like the rest of us, he just wants to be treated fairly.

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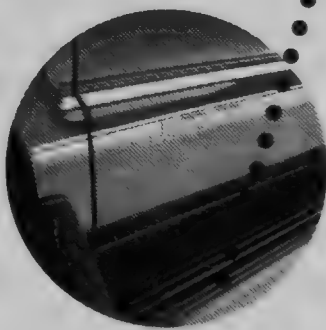
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SPRING IS HATCHING: Charles Hughes' Grade 4 class at JDHES is the proud parent of 17 baby chicks, which hatched last week in a homemade incubator in the classroom. Rebecca Harvey holds one of the two-day-old chicks, whose birth was timed to coincide with Education Week.

Police chase ends in crash, charges for pair

A police car chase that began outside Gooderham ended in a single vehicle crash in Kinmount Friday evening.

Minden OPP have charged two men in their twenties with numerous offences in connection with the chase.

Police say the vehicle, a pick-up truck reportedly stolen from the Durham region, was carrying goods from a number of robberies.

The chase began when Constable John McDougall saw the pick-up parked on Highway 503, east of Gooderham, and went to investigate.

When he switched on his cruiser's flashing lights, police say the pick-up truck sped away and would not stop.

Const. McDougall followed for a short distance west on the

highway, but discontinued when driving "became erratic."

The two men in the pick-up continued along Hwy. 503 to the stop sign in Kinmount at the intersection of Hwy. 121, where other officers were waiting.

The truck went through the stop sign, across Hwy. 121, hitting a parked car before it smashed into a building.

Both occupants fled on foot after the crash, but were soon arrested by Minden and Coboconk OPP officers.

A 24-year-old man from Oshawa and a 27-year-old man of no fixed address were subsequently charged by police with possession of a stolen vehicle and various other offences.

A bail hearing was scheduled to be held in Lindsay yesterday (May 13).



STAY HEALTHY, STAY ALIVE: The Grade 12 drama class presented three plays to elementary school students last week, and each had a cautionary tale: don't drink, don't smoke, don't do drugs. But although the message was serious, (clockwise from top left) Bob Sisson, Cassie Weyrich, Jeremy Scheffee, Sarah Levis, Chris Miniaci, Tanya Cowen, Wayne Baumhour and Mike Reid spread it in an entertaining way.

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New program is a labour of love

by MARTHA PERKINS
Editor

Somehow over the past two generations, childbirth has become a medical procedure, and that procedure can make many women nervous.

Two local nurses want to take away the fear and anxiety by teaching pregnant women how to prepare for what could be one of the most wonderful experiences in their lives.

"Education helps," say Rosemary Shivji and Stephanie Kuno. Even though they've assisted with dozens of births as labour room nurses, as mothers themselves, they know how important it is to prepare psychologically and physically for the event.

"I've coached hundreds of women how to breathe, how to stay focused and relaxed, but when I was in labour, I needed someone to tell me 'now you've got to breathe'," says Shivji, who like Kuno is a mother of two.

Now that the health unit is no longer offering prenatal classes, the two women feel there is a need in the community to help pregnant women and their partners to understand what is happening during the nine months it takes a new life to emerge. They're not advocating one type of birth over another — home births versus hospital births, for example — but they are teaching couples how to be advocates for themselves in the delivery room.

Combatting fear is the first step. If a woman is frightened of labour, that fear will start to

work against her. Fear causes tension, which slows down labour and may lead to intrusive procedures. No one is saying childbirth is totally painless, but there are ways to make it more comfortable.

However, "if you don't go into labour in good physical shape, all the preparation in the world won't overcome it" so health is an important component of the six-week program.

Having someone with the mother during labour is the next step. While in labour, the woman is focused on what is happening to her body, and however much she has prepared herself, she might not remember that page 42 of the birth book said she should try laying on her side. Shivji and Kuno say it's important to have a husband, or whoever the woman chooses to be her coach, take the six-week program so they can know what to do or say to help her.

"If the person has the information, they have the questions to ask," says Kuno. "We allow them to make informed choices."

The two women want to help make childbirth as natural as possible, but that doesn't mean they are against medical intervention. There are times such intervention is vital in saving the baby's life. But intervention should be one of the last options. For instance, Ontario has a high rate of caesarean births, which doesn't necessarily translate into a higher rate of childbirth complications. In this day and age, caesareans are easier — for the doctors who follow tight sched-



IT'S FOR MOMENTS LIKE THIS: Being a mother is a wonderful experience, as Rosemary Shivji and Stephanie Kuno know. The two local nurses — seen here with their children Nadia Shivji and Curtis and Thomas Nichol — are starting up childbirth preparation classes to help ensure mothers have the best and safest experience possible.

ules and want the baby to be born when it's convenient for them.

Laying down to deliver a baby is also an invention of male doctors, who arrived on the birthing scene only in this past century. (Since women have been giving birth for thousands of years, this is a recent phenomenon.) By laying down, a woman no longer has the help of gravity and has to fight against it, but once again, it is easier on the medical staff who are now assisting.

When she was a midwife in Scotland, Shivji helped with many births, and while there was periodic intervention, primarily nature was allowed to take its course. The first birth she assisted with in a Canadian hospital, she was horrified. It was the first time she had seen stirrups used, and the doctor was not the gentlest of assistants. "I came out of the delivery room and cried."

Today, doctors are more understanding and accommodating. The two nurses say the Haliburton Hospital and other area hospitals are pretty flexible in meeting the needs and aspirations of the mothers.

Their course is over six weeks, one evening a week, and will be held when and where demand dictates. The first session started last week at the Haliburton CHACE, which has donated the space. New mothers are predominant, but there are other women who want "refresher" courses. If you would like more information or to sign up, please call Rosemary Shivji at 457-4531 or Stephanie Kuno at 457-3707.

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Little support from Glamorgan for restructuring plan

by JODY LINDBECK
Staff Reporter

A proposal to restructure municipal boundaries within Haliburton County has failed to win much support from Glamorgan council.

At its meeting last Wednesday, council debated the plan in depth before eventually resolving to suggest Glamorgan's boundaries be changed to incorporate areas of Snowdon and Monmouth.

Reeve Elva Bates said few of the other Reeves in the county were happy with the current

arrangements for restructuring. She wants Glamorgan to retain its identity and to have protect facilities such as its post office.

Councillor Chuck Viner expressed concern about the planning, telling his fellow councillors, "once again I get the feeling we are being rushed".

Bates did not think Snowdon would survive the restructuring, but that the rest of the municipalities would. She said the other municipalities were in "pretty good shape to weather the storm".

Deputy-reeve Bill Challis said Glamorgan could "easily be

gobbled up" by another municipality and once that happened "we have lost our identity".

Councillor Tom Vos urged councillors to "go for the whole bundle" and suggest Glamorgan's boundaries be changed to include parts of Dysart, Snowdon and Monmouth.

However, councillors suggest the boundaries be extended to take in parts of Snowdon and Monmouth, not Dysart.

Bark Lake

An application has been made by Bark Lake Leadership

Centre's new owners to have the site rezoned.

Belleville businessman Peter Zuuring has applied to have the area rezoned as C-3 special, which allows for recreation facilities and permanent housing. Currently the area, which used to be owned by the province, is crown land.

The rezoning would allow for the construction of staff residences.

Zuuring plans to turn the former Centre into a combination English language school,

multi-media centre, wilderness experience camp and corporate retreat.

Glamorgan clerk-treasurer Glen Madill said he understood the closing date for the sale of the centre was May 17.

Reeve Bates said the C-3 special classification allowed for a wide variety of developments, including a marina.

Council will ask Zuuring or his representatives to discuss the application and determine his exact needs.

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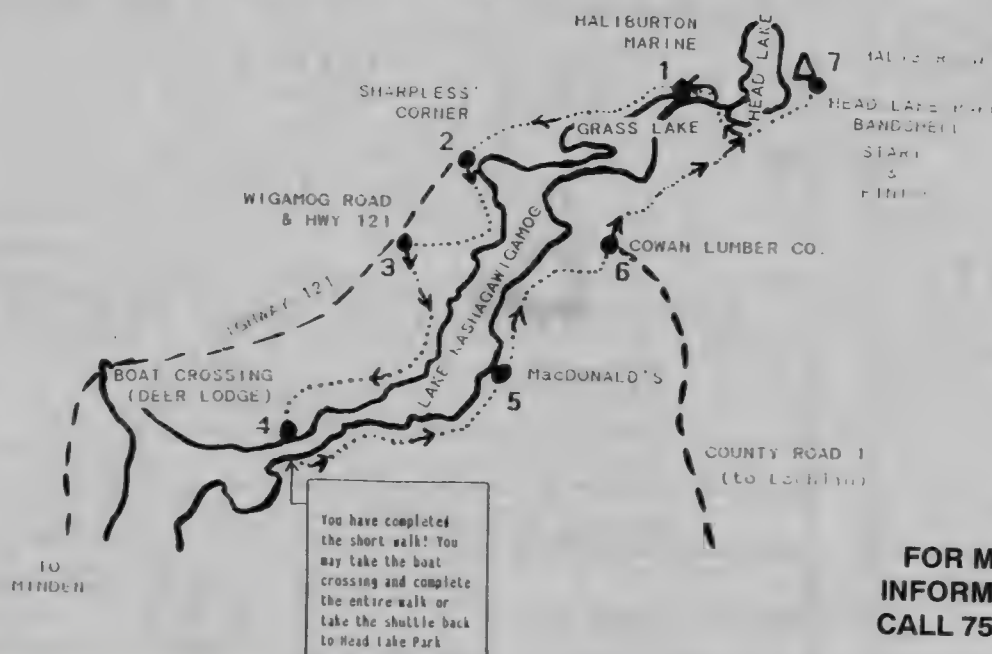
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It was a perfect day for a stroll last Sunday when the Haliburton and Area Lions Club hosted its annual fundraising walk. The turnout was good, allowing participants to raise almost \$4,000 in pledges. The money will be spent on one of the Lions' favourite causes — helping those with vision problems. See those four girls walking in front? Courtney Hartin, Jodie Sipe, Lindsay and Daielle Casey got so hot during the walk that they went home — for a swim, even though the ice on Lake Kashagawigamog had melted just a few days earlier!

Fundraising levy could be like a raffle for a house, man suggests

by MARTHA PERKINS
Editor

Peter Cowen of Haliburton dropped by *The Echo* office last week with an idea of how to raise \$750,000 a year for both the hospital project and new schools.

Every taxpayer in Haliburton County could be charged an annual levy of \$52 a year. This is their "ticket" for a lottery for a new three-bedroom bungalow and the total proceeds would be \$1.56-million a year to be split equally between the school board and health services board.

Municipalities would take turns providing the land for free and some of the equipment. Materials would be paid for out of the proceeds and he suggests having welfare recipients donate the labour

as part of the province's workfare idea.

"Mike Harris told us we had to come up with our own ways to have money," he says. "When I saw the cutbacks, I thought they've got to make money in some way I was agreeable to."

He saw how Toronto hospitals hold big raffles and came up with the house idea. By having a chance to win the house, people would not mind the extra tax levy. "You don't like an aspirin but it goes down easier with a little sugar..."

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If you are interested you should contact your local politicians. To gauge whether there was wide-spread support, Cowen suggested holding a referendum.

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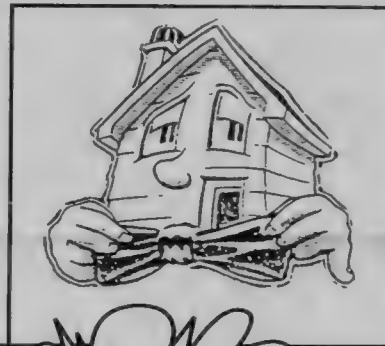
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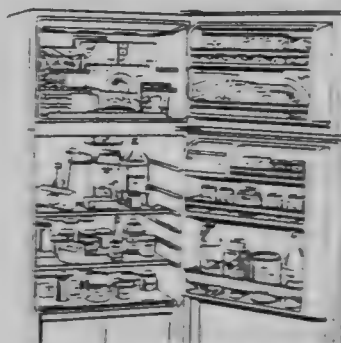
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LEGION BLACK AND WHITE POSTER WINNERS: The top three finishers in three age categories are, from left: Karin Aschenbrenner, who also placed second at zone, Jodanne Parish, who also placed third at zone, Kerry Schakelaar and Carrie Heyes. Back row: Jeremy Miscio, Jennifer Moynes and Alex Ambridge. Absent are Trevor



LEGION ESSAY AWARD WINNERS: The top three finishers in three age categories are, from left: Alison Rogers, who also came first at zone level and second in district; Brianne Hewitt, Dwight Robinson, Michele Ronbinson. Back row: Norman Smith, Steve Walker and Jennifer Moynes. Absent is Shelley Hirstwood.

Youth Achievement

Last Tuesday, the Haliburton Legion presented certificates and cheques to winners of Remembrance Day competitions and public speaking



LEGION PUBLIC SPEAKING AWARD WINNERS: The top three finishers in three age categories, as well as participants, are, from left: Front row: Jennifer Ferguson, Kim Varty, Carrie Heyes, Ryan Dawson, who also came second at zone level, Liane Dron and Amy Pergolas. Back row: Jocelyn Eastmure, Reuben Maughan, Arlen Mighton, Bobby Fletcher, Amelia Ambridge and Aaron Martin. Absent are Ryan Wood and Chris Postil.

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Parents can guide youths through troubles of 'real world'

by CORY RALSTON
Katimavik Participant

If young people are the future, you would think there would be someone there to guide them. Unfortunately, not all youths are so lucky.

Youth can be defined as the period between childhood and maturity. In this period, youths are faced with their first taste of the problems of the "real" world. How youths deal with those problems can have a large impact on the rest of their lives. So just who do youth turn to when in need?

The ideal would be their parents. The fact is that parents are finding it harder and harder to relate to their children.

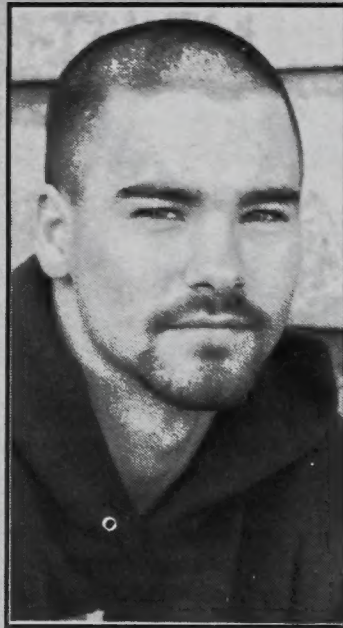
"Times have changed," says Mike Lyons, a student at Haliburton Highlands Secondary School. "Everything is happening earlier in our generation than it did in our parents'."

It is not a pleasant thought to think of eight-year-olds beginning to smoke. Or even worse, getting their first taste of drugs and alcohol by the tender

young age of 14. The truth of the matter is that this is happening and something has to be done to stop it.

I think there are six steps parents can follow to help their children grow to be strong individuals: (1) lead by example. This will (2) earn a child's respect instead of demanding it. Be sure to (3) stay informed and interested in what your child is interested in. Let them know you care, helping them to become the best that they can. When the time comes, (4) give them space to explore. (5) Support their decisions. Your child will become a much more responsible and confident decision maker with your support. And most importantly (6) let your children know that you love them. This will take away the risk of them feeling alone and seeking out love from other negative sources.

One of the easiest ways to decipher the mood of a generation is to take a look at the music they are/were listening to. The big band era evolved into rock and roll which brought on the hippies.



Cory Ralston

Péaceful tranquillity eventually died out to the birth of disco. The Eighties were ruled by pop rock until the bad boys of heavy metal made their way to the main stage, and finally in the early Nineties a new sound rocketed to the top, grunge.

It should not be a huge surprise to society that a generation of youth who feel lost would find an anthem in "All Apologies" by the late Kurt Cobain, lead singer of Nirvana. The song ends with the coarse voice of Cobain repeating a phrase that appears to have summed up the emotions of many members of my generation: "All alone is all we are."

Political system needs overhaul

To the Editor:

While I do not profess to hold a degree in political science, it does not take a genius to see what we Canadians are not only taking a slap in the face, but we are also being institutionally robbed and driven to what I feel is a hidden form of slavery. While the average middle-class working person is paying the highest taxes and barely enjoying an existence, Premier Mike Harris and his cronies are telling us that golf club memberships and tailored suits are necessities of life.

While Sheila Copps and the rest of the Liberal Party lie straight to our faces and defend their dishonest, disgraceful scheme to (G.S.T.) tax us even more, we sit back and allow it.

It is not the social system that needs an overhaul, it is the political system and its members that do.

If we began to demand that the salaries of politicians were lowered so that they were on the scale with the working class, the insincere would quickly disappear. God knows, we may not have a government.

While cabinet minister Dave Tsoibouchi tries to cunningly distract the masses with snitch lines, telling us that social service payments are the cause of this strife, the fox (government) is cleaning

out our henhouse.

What better way to keep the masses less powerful and informed than to keep them busy and fill their heads with propaganda? If we as Canadians allow this to happen we will be stooping to our lowest level. The politician jokes are no longer that, for when we get that small sense of power from the humorous comments we make, that politician is laughing at us all the way to the bank, with our money.

What is the difference between the slave owner who demands labour and then steals all the benefits of that labour (namely your money) in the form of unreasonable taxes.

John Nunziata is the only person who seems to be on guard at the henhouse, but unfortunately he is outnumbered.

It is up to us as Canadians to no longer sit back and allow ourselves to be kicked in the face by lying politicians. It is also in our better interests to support politicians like Nunziata who defend us, the people, and demand that there be more like him. Take the time to make that phone call or write that letter, it will only cost you little time. If you don't, it will cost you and your children a lot more later.

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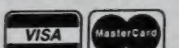


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Unlocking language

Learning to speak English has helped Thai woman feel at home in the Highlands

by PETER DOWNS
Staff Reporter

THAILAND NATIVE Yuvadee Feltham knew a great deal about English before she moved to Ingoldsby almost three years ago.

As an elementary school teacher in her homeland, she taught reading and writing in English to her Grade 4, 5 and 6 students every day.

But she has only recently begun to really learn for herself how to speak the language well.

And it is opening up a whole new world for her here in her adopted home, bringing with it friendships, greater happiness and a feeling of belonging.

"Sometimes last year I would cry when people wouldn't understand me, but now it's better," says Yuvadee.

And for that she gives tremendous credit to her tutor for the past two years, Virginia Hopkings of Carnarvon.

Hopkings is one of several people who volunteer their time helping others learn or improve their English through the Haliburton Highlands Literacy Centre.

The centre, which has been teaching people whose native language is English to read and write for the past six years, has recently begun tutoring those who are learning English as a second language.

"In the past there wasn't a great demand in the area for ESL, but we now have several students who require it," said Hopkings.

The literacy centre is also very fortunate to have a number of volunteers like Hopkings, who taught ESL at Sheridan College for seven years.

"It can be very lonely experience for people from another country when they move here," said Hopkings.

With limited communication skills, they can become trapped in a very frustrating existence where it is difficult to accomplish even simple tasks, let alone express their thoughts and feelings.

But with hard work and patience, literacy centre volunteers can help ESL students develop the tools they need to overcome the barriers of language.

"The literacy program has not only given her the skills, but it has given her confidence because she can express herself," says Yuvadee's husband, Gerry Feltham.

And he knows exactly what his wife has been going through. He's been in the same position himself.

Feltham, who was a teacher for the Haliburton County Board of Education for 15 years before his retirement, was a volunteer English instructor at a teachers' col-



Virginia Hopkings, a tutor with the Haliburton Highlands Literacy Centre, has helped Thailand native Yuvadee Feltham gain confidence speaking English, which has opened up a whole new world for her here in her adopted home.

lege in Thailand.

For two years after he and Yuvadee were married, Feltham was the only English-speaking foreigner in the small village where they lived, 300 kilometres north of Bangkok.

Yuvadee and Hopkings get together once a week for a two hour lesson, concentrating on spoken English.

In Thailand, students learn to read and write English, but they very rarely practise speaking it. Unless they can pronounce words in English perfectly, most prefer not to even try at all, said Yuvadee.

Hopkings, who has a great deal of experience teaching Asian students, said many of them have difficulty speaking English because they are not used to pronouncing consonants at the end of words.

Multiple consonants in a row, in words such as through or scratch, can also present problems.

Yuvadee has made steady progress on her pronunciation, but she still has difficulty with some words and it can take a bit of effort from others to understand what she is saying.

Instead of becoming frustrated when people may not have the patience to listen, Yuvadee says she has learned to work harder to make herself understood.

And for those who are willing to take the time, Yuvadee has plenty to add to a conversation, says Hopkings.

"Most of the people who live here are not aware of the emotional needs of people who come from another country. They can make such a difference just by listening," she explains. "Yuvadee can make such a contribution if she is allowed the chance."

Fortunately, there are many people who

are giving her that opportunity.

She was recently asked to speak to the Minden Brownies and a Grade 2 class at Archie Stouffer Elementary School about Thailand. As well, the YWCA invited her to teach a crochet class and she will visit Hyland Crest in June to tell the residents about her homeland.

The Minden Brownies asked her to speak to them about Thailand.

In the two years they have worked together, Yuvadee and Hopkings have developed a strong friendship.

"It's been a great pleasure for me. A very

great pleasure," said Hopkings.

But she is careful to not let their friendship get in the way of their lessons.

"Not only is Virginia a good friend, but also she's very professional. Before she even takes off her coat when she comes over, she gets right down to business," says Feltham.

The literacy centre is in constant need of additional volunteers, says director Barb Nangle.

Because of the growing list of people turning to the centre for help and large geographical area of the county, it isn't always easy to find an appropriate tutor who lives relatively close to a student.

Most lessons, which are usually one on one, take place in the home of either the student or the tutor.

However, the centre also has enough space at its office on Haliburton's main street to accommodate on-site lessons.

But the centre isn't only interested in volunteer tutors.

"We need people with a variety of skills ... As long as the person is interested in literacy issues, then we can always use someone's skills," explains Nangle.

While the Felthams agreed to let their names be used for the purposes of this story, all services offered through the literacy centre are confidential.

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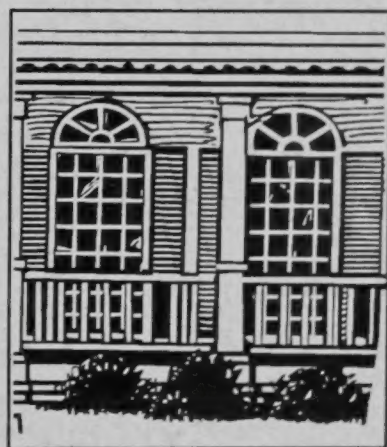
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